UNC School of Medicine  
Global Health Elective  
Student Feedback Form

Information that you provide will be made available for future UNC students to use in planning educational electives in global health and international medicine. It must be completed in order to receive elective credit for your rotation OR funding through the Office of International Activities (Becton-Tannenbaum and Perkins Burke and International Health Fellowships). Please complete and return in electronic form to the Office of International Activities (brian_noynihan@med.unc.edu and Martha_carlough@med.unc.edu)

I. STUDENT INFORMATION
A. Student Name: ______Katie Cheng____
B. Email: ___katie.cheng@med.unc.edu____  
C. Phone/cell number: _________________
D. Graduating year from UNC Medical School: ___2014____
E. Check when you took this elective:
   ___X___Summer between 1st and 2nd year  ___X___ 3rd year  ___X___ 4th year  Other: _________________
F. What UNC Department and course did you register for this elective through? ___Family Medicine, FMME 225____
G. Faculty advisor: ___Dr. Martha Carlough____
H. Dates that you completed the elective: ___June 26 – July 27___  Year: ___2011___
I. From the list below, select the one choice that best describes your motivation for taking this elective:
   ___interest in global health
   ___interest in travel
   ___interest in helping others
   ___desire to get experience for CV/job opportunities
   ___family of origin reasons
   ___desire to travel to a Spanish-speaking country
   ___desire to learn/improve Spanish skills
   ___Other: _________________
J. What was the major emphasis of this elective:
   ___X___ medical Spanish and Latino health
   ___global health research
   ___clinical care in an international setting
   ___community health/development
   ___Other: _________________
K. Was this a ___X___ group experience or ____ individual experience?

II. ELECTIVE PROGRAM INFORMATION
A. Country where you completed the elective: ___Ecuador________
B. City: ___Quito, Otavalo, Upper Amazon River Basin____
C. Name of Program or Hospital where you worked: ___Interhealth South America________________
D. Website address (if available): www.interhealthamerica.net________________
E. From the list below, select the choice that best describes how you first learned about this program:
   ___X___ referral from a friend/personal contact
   ___web site information from: _________________
   ___another student who went there
   ___other: _________________
F. Name of program person you worked with and contact information: ___Dr. Don Wedemeyer____
   __30404 Holly Drive USF, Tampa, FL 33620___(813) 425-2096___dwedemeyer@pol.net____________

G. Costs
   Tuition: ___$2150____  Roundtrip travel: ___$1040____
   Other expenses you incurred, including vaccinations, supplies (please list type and amount):
   ___Hepatitis A (second shot) - $65____
   ___Travel Clinic Fee - $30________
   ___Gloves & masks - $16____
   ___Lunch during 2nd week, lunch and 1 dinner for last 2 days - $30___
H. Did this program/hospital have a religious affiliation?  ____YES  _X__NO
   If yes, with what group: ________________________________

I. Did this program/hospital have an academic affiliation?  ____YES  _X__NO
   If yes, with what institution: ________________________________

III. GLOBAL HEALTH EXPERIENCE CHARACTERISTICS
A. List three educational outcomes you achieved with this elective
   1. __Gained international experience by traveling to and living in Ecuador____________________
   2. __Improved Spanish skills through classes, practice in clinics, and cultural immersion________
   3. __Learned about alternative medicine, specifically indigenous practices in Ecuador___________

B. Was the experience a good use of time for you during medical school?  _X__YES  ____NO
C. Did you have adequate clinical supervision?  ____YES  ____X__NO
D. Did you have adequate opportunities for hands-on clinical work?  ____YES  ____X__NO
E. Would you recommend this elective to other medical students?  _X__YES  ____NO

   If YES, Why?

   B. The experience allowed me to travel abroad, practice my Spanish, observe procedures in a foreign hospital, and participate in international health clinics. Being a month-long program, I felt that I spent a significant amount of time in-country while still having time to relax and pursue other interests during the summer break.

   E. Overall, this was a great trip. I had been forewarned about the stubbornness of the doctor running the program and the certainty of frequent and last-minute changes, so I felt well-prepared to roll with the punches, so to speak. I was able to see different parts of the country, participate in unique experiences, do medically relevant tasks, and had free time to travel independently and explore.

   If NO, Why?

   C. While I felt adequately supervised during my shadowing experience at a hospital in Quito, I did not feel that we had enough preceptors to handle the volume of patients we saw during clinics. We often waited up to a half an hour to be able to orally report the patient’s problem and confirm a diagnosis.

   D. During our health clinics, we worked in teams of three to obtain the patient history and perform the physical exam. In theory, this would have been a good opportunity, but in practice, the setups for the clinics were not conducive to being able to perform exams properly (e.g. very loud, crowded, no examination tables, etc.)

F. Was the program responsive to your needs?  ____YES  _X__NO

   The program director is very set in his ways and promotes what he likes to call “independence,” but I call “a lack of or withholding information.” I don’t think it’s unreasonable to ask for an outline of the plan for the week or which is the best bus route to take to the hospital and it was frustrating to receive a dismissive “I’ll tell you when you need to know” or suggestions to look at the maps in guidebooks we were given, respectively. When some students got sick, Dr. Wademeyer was less than helpful about helping them obtain medications and had to be nagged to do so. All that being said, while I was frustrated and annoyed at times I never felt grossly mistreated while participating in the program.

G. Did you have appropriate arrangements for housing, food and safety/health issues?  _X__YES  ____NO
   If NO, please describe: _______________________________________________________________

H. Did you have adequate information about what to expect in advance?  _X (I’d like to caveat that my information came from a previous participant, not from individuals working with the program.) ____YES  ____NO
If NO, what would have been helpful: ________________________________

1. Did you feel that you had adequate support from UNC in setting up this opportunity? _X_ YES     ___NO

THANK YOU!!! THIS INFORMATION WILL HELP FUTURE STUDENTS !!!!