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, Perkins Burke, Medical Alumni Loyalty Fund Global Enrichment Fellowships and International Health Fellowships). Please complete and return to the Office of International Activities (shay_sliekko@med.unc.edu or Martha_carlough@med.unc.edu)

I. STUDENT INFORMATION  
A. Student Name: Joseph Gitt  
B. Email: joe_gitt@med.unc.edu  
C. Phone/cell number (optional):  
D. Graduating year from UNC Medical School: 2018  
E. Check when you took this elective:  
  X Summer between 1st and 2nd year  
  ___ 3rd year  
  ___ 4th year  
  ___ Other:  
F. What UNC Department and course did you register for this elective through? FMME225; OIA  
G. Faculty advisor: Dr. Martha Carlough  
H. Dates that you completed the elective: 06/05-06/22  
  Year: 2015  
I. From the list below, select the one choice that best describes your motivation for taking this elective:  
  ___ interest in travel  
  ___ desire to get experience for CV/job opportunities  
  ___ interest in helping others  
  ___ desire to learn/improve Spanish skills  
  ___ family of origin reasons  
  ___ other:  
J. What was the major emphasis of this elective:  
  ___ 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: India  
B. City: Pangi Valley (Purthi)  
C. Name of Program or Hospital where you worked: Himalayan Health Exchange  
D. Website address (if available): http://www.himalayanhealth.com/  
E. From the list below, select the choice that best describes how you first learned about this program:  
  ___ referral from a friend/personal contact  
  ___ web site information from:  
  X another student who went there  
  ___ other: 
F. Name of program person you worked with and contact information: Bill Alto (attending physician: william.alto@swedish.org) and Ravi Singh (program director: info@himalayanhealth.com)

G. Costs
   Tuition: $3090   Roundtrip travel: $1200
   Other expenses you incurred, including vaccinations, supplies (please list type and amount):
   Vaccinations = $70
   Visa = $120
   Insurance = $150
   Gear = $100

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. Improving my history collecting and physical exam skills
      2. Learned about cultural and social factors affecting health and the provision of care in this region
      3. Gained exposure to ‘uncommon’ infectious diseases, working with a translator, and an entirely different medical care system (universal access)

   B. Was the experience a good use of time for you during medical school? X YES NO
   C. Did you have adequate clinical supervision? X YES NO
   D. Did you have adequate opportunities for hands-on clinical work? X YES NO

   E. Would you recommend this elective to other medical students? YES NO
      If YES, Why? This was such a unique opportunity to both be entrusted with a large degree of responsibility for the provision of care and to practice the skills you have only largely utilized in the classroom, all while experiencing a novel culture, environment, and healthcare system that is extremely remote and unique.
      If NO, Why? ____________________________

F. Was the program responsive to your needs? X YES NO

G. Did you have appropriate arrangements for housing, food and safety/health issues? YES NO
   Please describe: This was the definition of ‘glamping’: every day we could expect hot showers, had our tents and meals prepared for us, and were given many opportunities to wash our clothes, it greatly exceeded my expectations in this regard. Similarly, while the roads and traveling conditions could be dangerous at times, every effort possible was taken to minimize risk and safety hazards and I felt very safe with the staff and their training.

H. Did you have adequate information about what to expect in advance? YES NO
What would have been helpful: ____________________________________________________________

I. Did you feel that you had adequate support from UNC in setting up this opportunity?  X YES  _____ NO

J. Please include any additional information or feedback you would like to include for students engaging in future international rotations:

This is an incredibly unique opportunity and region that will become increasingly difficult to seek out and access as you continue your education, highly recommend.

K. What could the OIA have done differently or better to support you in your international elective?:

If the required paperwork for the elective credit was due before the start of the fall term or within 1 month of returning from your elective (whichever one is the later date) that would have helped me tremendously as I went from my international elective straight into a rural health internship in western NC and could have used more time to complete my assignments.

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

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H. Did this program/hospital have a religious affiliation? YES  X  No