

UNC SCHOOL OF MEDICINE EMERGENCY PLAN FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS

You should have already received this information via email as you registered for emergency evacuation insurance, but we thought a reminder would be helpful! We want you to have safe and enjoyable experiences while you are abroad this summer and we also want to be certain that you have the information needed to respond to an emergency if need be.

PLEASE PRINT OUT THIS INFORMATION TO TAKE WITH YOU. YOU SHOULD ALSO GIVE A COPY TO A CLOSE FAMILY MEMBER STAYING IN THE USA ALONG WITH YOUR PASSPORT INFORMATION, ITINERARY FOR TRAVEL AND EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

UNC medical students traveling as part of their education, for research or other formal work, or those who have received funding through the University must all review the US State Department country-specific consular information and any travel warnings or alerts (www.travel.state.gov) as well as the information on the Center for Disease Control site (www.cdc.gov/travel/notices) prior to travel. Though there are inherent unpredictable risks with living and working globally, it is our intention that UNC SOM students (as well as residents and faculty) who are travelling for global health opportunities will have the information necessary to be as safe as possible and be prepared to respond in an emergency.

UNC/Chapel Hill Office of the Provost has established a travel policy for all students and faculty which applies to ALL those who are travelling as part of their education, for research or other formal work, or for those who have received funding through the University. UNC Office of the Provost closely follows the information from the US State Department (for political and civil unrest issues as well as natural disasters) and the Center for Disease Control (for health/epidemic issues) in making decisions about where UNC students and faculty can travel at any given time based on health and safety risks. It is important to be aware that some countries are off limits for travel for academic/research purposes. The list of countries changes when new travel warnings and alerts are released by the State Department or CDC, This policy is intended to keep us safe. All students and faculty should must have signed a UNC Travel Waiver and purchased evacuation insurance as directed. If you would like to have additional coverage beyond the maximum coverage dates stated below, you can contact the insurance provider, Highway to Health, directly. For an overview of what this insurance covers, please see the HTH coverage information.

Highway to Health Website: <http://www.hthtravelinsurance.com/>

HTH brochure: <https://www.med.unc.edu/oia/files/HTH%20coverage%20information.pdf>

EMERGENCY PLAN:

1. If you have a **medical emergency** (serious illness/hospitalization, illness, need for evacuation) that may need attention beyond what is locally available while you are out of the USA, contact the HTH Worldwide Assistance Services (800-254-4823) OR if for some reason you can't reach anyone at this number, you should call: Robert Brooks, HTH Claims Administrator (1-800-394-2500 OR 703-830-5627).
2. If you have a **non-medical emergency** (know of a disappearance/kidnapping of another student or criminal assault or you are involved in a police action) contact the US embassy or consulate in the country where you are staying. If appropriate, embassy personnel will contact local police on your behalf. Embassy/Consulate information is available at: <http://www.embassiesabroad.com/>. Go to this website before you leave the US, and record this information for your country of travel so you have it easily available. Before you travel, you should also complete travel registration on the US Dept of State website at: <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>. This let's the State Department know that you are traveling/staying in a particular country in case there is a need to find you.

Traveling to (country): _____

Address and phone # of US Embassy or Consulate:

3. If there is concern for **serious political crisis or a national disaster** (terrorist attack, flood, hurricane) in the country where you are staying, contact the US embassy who will have information available and a plan for US citizens living abroad for safety precautions and/or evacuation if necessary.

In **all situations of emergency**, if you are a medical student you should also contact UNC through the 24 hour UNC public safety telephone (919-962-8100) who will contact the Dr. Georgette Dent in the Office of Student Affairs via pager (919-216-1534). Alternatively, if you have access to email you can contact Office of Student Affairs directly by emailing Dr. Dent (georgette_dent@med.unc.edu) or if it is during day time hours at UNC by phone at 919-962-8335.

In all cases, be prepared to give information on the name of the person injured/ill or the situation that has occurred along with time, date and place, the telephone # of the person reporting the emergency and a time and # when further communication can take place about the emergency and preferred method (fax, phone, email)

Additional info

We'd like to keep in touch and hear what you are up to this summer!

If you are recording your experiences and photos on a blog or website, please send Sam Hawes (shawes@med.unc.edu) the website address and we'll link it to the OIA website so others who are interested can follow you.

Please collect global health photos for us so that we can enrich our website, decorate our OIA office and plan a photo display at the end of the summer!

Remember, if you are getting elective credit or financial support (or fellowships or grants from UNC) for your global health experience you must have the preceptor who is working with you internationally complete a preceptor evaluation form (this should go to your UNC faculty advisor for completing your evaluation/grade for the elective) and you must complete an elective evaluation form which should be returned to the OIA electronically.

We'd love it if you sent us a postcard :
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THANKS, and have a great summer!