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 (shawes@med.unc.edu or Martha_carlough@med.unc.edu)

I. STUDENT INFORMATION

A. Student Name: Sonya V. Patel
B: Email: sonya_patel@med.unc.edu C. Phone/cell number (optional): _____
D. Graduating year from UNC Medical School: 2014
E. Check when you took this elective:
_☐ Summer between 1st and 2nd year _☐ 3rd year _☑ 4th year _☐ Other: _____
F. What UNC Department and course did you register for this elective through? Int Med, course: APSM 402-21
G. Faculty advisor: Dr. Mina Hosseinipour
H. Dates that you completed the elective: 21 Oct - 19 Nov Year: 2013
I. From the list below, select the **one choice** that best describes your motivation for taking this elective:
x interest in global health _____desire to get experience for CV/job opportunities
____ interest in travel _____family of origin reasons
____ interest in helping others _____ other: _____
____ desire to learn/improve Spanish skills

J. What was the major emphasis of this elective:
____ medical Spanish and Latino health
____ global health research
x clinical care in an international setting
_____ community health/development
_____ Other: _____

K. Was this a ____ group experience or x individual experience?

II. ELECTIVE PROGRAM INFORMATION

A. Country where you completed the elective: Malawi
B. City: Lilongwe
C. Name of Program or Hospital where you worked: Kamuzu Central Hospital
D. Website address (if available): _____
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: _____
____ another student who went there x other: School elective book

F. Name of program person you worked with and contact information: _____
Dr. Mina Hosseinipour (mina_hosseinipour@med.unc.edu)
G. Costs
Tuition: (included) Roundtrip travel: $1500
Other expenses you incurred, including vaccinations, supplies (please list type and amount):
$400 rent in Malawi
$150 student registration fee for hospital in Malawi
$200 in-country food and travel
$50 travel health insurance

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? x___YES ____NO
If yes, with what institution: UNC_____

III. GLOBAL HEALTH EXPERIENCE CHARACTERISTICS

A. List three educational outcomes you achieved with this elective
1. Honed physical exam skills, which are especially needed when diagnostic testing is limited
2. Learned about prevalence and treatment protocols for STIs
3. Learned about standardized treatment protocols in an area where individual testing is not cost-effective (or availab

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? x___YES ____NO

If YES, Why? Good learning opportunity for PE and other skills; eye-opener to global health in an impoverishec

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? x___YES ____NO
If NO, please describe: _____

H. Did you have adequate information about what to expect in advance? x___YES ____NO
If 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

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

Additional Comments:

I have traveled before, but this trip was my first clinical experience after having gained clinical knowledge during my 3rd and 4th year. That made it a bit more emotionally difficult, as I could actually understand the limits poverty placed on diagnosis and treatment of Malawian patients. Normally as a student in the US, you tend to be shielded from the sickest patients. In Malawi, however, most patients present at the extremes of their illness due to a lack of primary care. Thus, it was not uncommon to see young patients coming to the hospital and expiring quickly, right in front of me. This is something I still think about today - it was definitely an impressionable month.

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