PERU HEALTH OUTREACH PROJECT

The Peru Health Outreach Project (PHOP) offers experience in Global Healthcare and Public Health in both rural and urban Peru. Rural activities (at various sites in the Sacred Valley region) will center upon public health projects geared towards benefiting the local population. Through development and execution of these public health projects students will gain understanding and appreciation for healthcare and cultural disparities that exist in Peruvian Healthcare system. Students will also gain experience in creating focused, sustainable and appropriate public health projects to address these disparities. In addition to similar projects in the Urban region (Chincha), students will take part in an organized health clinic sponsored by the Peruvian American Medical Society. Through arranged preceptorships with both American and Peruvian physicians, Chincha students will gain appreciation for core clinical conditions including but not limited to: 1. Parasitology, 2. Complementary and Alternative Medicine, 3. Domestic Violence, 4. Blindness/Vision Loss, 5. Low Back Pain, 6. Gastritis, 7. Pediatrics: well-child care, failure to thrive, 8. Respiratory Disease, 9. Vaginal Discharge/Sexual Health.

The educational experience will be tailored to the student's current level of training. Students are expected to participate in case-based didactic seminars led by faculty. Students are additionally expected to participate in pre-trip planning activities while making a distinct effort to expand their Clinical Spanish vocabulary. *This elective is open only to Case/Lerner medical students.*

Learning objectives: 1. Observe and identify health care/public disparities that are faced in foreign health care systems. 2. Appreciate the components required in a challenges of constructing adequate public health interventions to address such disparities. 3. Appreciate the core medical conditions faced by the rural/urban population of Peru. 4. Further develop skills in clinical interview, physical exam, and critical thinking through patient or didactic based experiences.

Responsibilities: 1. Commitment to serve in the pre-trip planning activities of PHOP including general fundraising, project creation/management, and trip logistics. 2. Participation in the global health seminar series offered in the months preceding the trip is mandatory. 3. Spanish language skills are recommended, and a commitment to make a distinct improvement in Spanish language skills is expected. 4. Attend and participate in PHOP clinical and public health activities within Peru in accordance with PHOP pre-determined schedule and mission. 5. Students participating in research projects related to PHOP should attain CITI (or similar) certification. Students interested in an international elective should contact Joseph Williams (University) or Darlene Gray (College) for application information.

IMPORTANT: Students interested in International Electives MUST review the following information in its entirety: http://casemed.case.edu/student_affairs/international/. Students must complete the required reading, forms, and pre-travel arrangements as indicated on the above website.

REGISTRATION

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Available to Year 1 and 2 students as a non-clinical, zero-credit elective.