



POLICY ON RESIDENT EDUCATION ABROAD

The Office of Postgraduate Medical Education (PGME) at the University of British Columbia provides opportunities, support and guidance for residents in postgraduate training programs to engage in education, activities abroad, in approved clinical settings that fulfill elective or core requirements of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons or College of Family Physicians of Canada for post graduate training programs ("International Rotations").

The PGME Office recognizes the great potential of international educational experiences to enhance local clinical training, and to generate insights that will guide residents' career development. This document outlines the PGME Office's policies and recommendations for residents seeking to participate in International Rotations in both well-resourced and low resource health care settings.

Information relating to international and global health opportunities that may provide suitable experiences for International Rotations can be found on the global health website (www.globalhealth.med.ubc.ca).

Travel abroad may expose a resident to certain risks. Residents participating in International Rotations are subject to the terms of the Faculty of Medicine **POLICY ON RESIDENT EDUCATION ABROAD** and **must** fulfill the requirements of the policy by reviewing the Pre-departure Checklist and completing the attached Post-graduate Resident Education Abroad Agreement.

Pre-departure training in preparation for travel and international engagement is mandatory for all residents. Pre-Departure Training Resources and Checklist are found at:
<http://globalhealth.med.ubc.ca/resources/pre-departure/>

Participation in International Rotations is subject to the terms and conditions in the attached Post-graduate Resident Education Abroad Agreement. A resident's participation in an International Rotation is contingent upon the resident signing the Agreement and providing a copy to the resident's Program Director.

Approved by FRC on September 24, 2013



RESIDENT EDUCATION ABROAD AGREEMENT

WHEREAS:

- A. The University of British Columbia through Postgraduate Medical Education (PGME) provides opportunities for residents to travel abroad to participate in approved clinical or non-clinical rotations to fulfill elective or core requirements of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons or College of Family Physicians of Canada postgraduate training programs offered through PGME (International Rotations); and
- B. Information relating to international and global health opportunities that may provide suitable experiences for International Rotations can be found on the global health website at www.globalhealth.med.ubc.ca.

Residents who wish to participate in International Rotations acknowledge and agree that they do so subject to the following terms and conditions:

- A. With respect to traveling to and working in another country the resident understands, agrees and acknowledges that:
 - 1. Circumstances beyond the control of the University may arise including war, civil unrest, or natural disasters that may require a modification or termination of the rotation. The resident has been informed of the risks associated with foreign travel, which without restricting the generality of the foregoing, include:
 - a. Injury or death suffered:
 - I. due to the acts of third parties including acts that would be regarded as criminal acts under Canadian law and acts of terrorism or war,
 - II. due to being a passenger in or operating an airplane, motor vehicle, boat, bicycle or any other means of transportation,
 - III. due to illnesses and the lack of medical personnel or medical facilities to treat injuries or illnesses, and
 - b. Standards of criminal justice that differ from Canadian standards.
 - 2. The resident is subject to the laws of the host country and agrees to abide by those laws. The resident acknowledges that the University has no obligation or duty to assist the resident in the event the resident is arrested or charged with transgressing any law of any foreign country.
 - 3. The resident is required to obtain, at the resident's expense, extended medical travel insurance (including Evacuation Insurance) that will cover medical or hospital expenses that the resident may incur during the International Rotation and any travel period before or after the International Rotation.



4. The resident is responsible for obtaining any visas or permits that may be required to travel to foreign countries.
 5. The resident is responsible for obtaining appropriate permits (licences) required to provide clinical care and for providing proof of malpractice insurance if required by the host country.
 6. The resident is responsible for obtaining any vaccinations or inoculations that are recommended or required by the government of a foreign country in which the resident will be traveling, or by the Canadian government for persons entering Canada from a foreign country.
 7. The resident is responsible for making all travel arrangements associated with the International Rotation and, notwithstanding that the University or PGME may provide information with regard to travel arrangements, neither the University nor PGME warrants the safety of any carrier and neither is responsible for the acts or omissions of any carrier.
 8. The resident is responsible for making all arrangements for accommodation during the PGME or Independent International Rotation and, notwithstanding that either the University or PGME may provide information to the resident with regard to accommodations, neither the University nor PGME warrants the quality or safety of any accommodation and neither the University nor PGME is responsible for the acts or omissions of the operators of any place of accommodation.
 9. The resident is required to attend pre-departure safety training workshops as well as complete the online pre-departure checklist and review the pre-departure training resource. **Pre-departure training is mandatory for all Residents. Pre-Departure Training Resources and Checklist are found at: <http://globalhealth.med.ubc.ca/resources/pre-departure/>**
 10. The resident must complete Schedule A to this agreement.
- B. The resident consents to the disclosure by the University during the resident's participation in the PGME or Independent Rotation of any personal information that is in the possession of the University that may be necessary in any or all of the following circumstances:
1. To a hospital, supervising medical personnel, provider of medical treatment or next of kin where a representative of the University is informed that the resident may require medical attention or treatment.
 2. To an official of a Canadian Consulate or the Canadian Government, an airline on the which the resident is booked as a passenger, or an agency that is responsible for the resident's travel arrangements where a representative of the University is informed that the information is required to satisfy the immigration or visa requirements of any country in which the resident is traveling or plans to travel, or to facilitate the resident's travel in conjunction with the International Rotation.



3. To law enforcement authorities where the University is informed that the information is required to assist the resident.
- C. The resident assumes all of the risks related to the resident's death, any personal injuries to the resident, or damage to or loss of the resident's property, of any nature or kind arising out of the resident's participation in the International Rotation.
 - D. **The resident WAIVES, RELEASES AND DISCHARGES the University, the members of the University's Board of Governors and anyone employed by or acting on behalf of the University, from any and all claims, causes of action, and any liability for personal injury, death, damage to property or loss of whatsoever nature or kind and howsoever caused which the resident or the resident's heirs, executors, administrators, or anyone else may have arising out of or in any way related to the resident's participation in the, International Rotation, the resident's residency in the host country, and any travel to or from the International Rotation**
 - E. The resident acknowledges that prior to signing this agreement the resident has read and understood the agreement and waiver of liability in its entirety and is aware that by signing this document, the resident is affecting his or her legal rights and those of the resident's heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and assigns.

Resident Signature

Resident Name (please print)

Date

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SCHEDULE 'A' PROPOSED ROTATION

Resident to Complete

RESIDENT NAME

PROGRAM

CURRENT PGY

PGY WHILE ABROAD

TRAVEL DATES

FACULTY SUPERVISOR

DESTINATION COUNTRY/CITY

HOST UNIVERSITY/HOSPITAL /ORGANIZATION

DESCRIPTION OF INTERNATIONAL ROTATION
