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Away Electives

Important safety and contact
information for students going
on an away elective



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SAFETY FIRST!

Be aware of the potential health and safety risks of doing an elective in a particular geographic area.

Prior to your elective, you should discuss explicitly with your mentor any potential health risks you may encounter during the elective (e.g. contagious disease exposure/outbreaks in the area); you should also discuss potential safety risks in the particular geographic area the elective takes place (e.g. natural disasters such as hurricanes). The mentor should provide you with sufficient plans to mitigate these risks if they exist.

If an emergency does occur, first reach out to the host institution for assistance and then contact Student Affairs at *Icahn School of Medicine* at 212-241-4426 to report any incident and your wellbeing. If you have concerns regarding health or safety prior to or during your elective, please contact Dr. Beverly Forsyth, Director of Student Electives.

All students are required to retain basic health insurance.

While you are on an away elective, if you have health concerns, you should contact the student health services at the host institution.

If you have mental health concerns while away, you can reach out to the host institution but can also contact the Director of Student Mental Health Service: Dr. Jeffrey Newcorn at 212-659-8705 or jeffrey.newcorn@mssm.edu.

If you need emergency psychiatric care, you should present directly to the local emergency room.

SUPPORT DURING AN AWAY ELECTIVE

If the content requirements of the elective are unclear, or not being met, discuss the issues with the site director and contact the Director of Student Electives, Dr. Beverly Forsyth.

We expect that you will be supervised by a licensed physician at all times during your elective. This supervisor should be identified prior to your elective and also must sign your form as a mentor. While you may initially see patients independently, you must present all patients and make any medical decisions in conjunction with your supervisor, who must be physically present to provide this guidance. If you are assisting with any procedure or surgery, your supervisor must be present at all times. You must have direct access to this supervisor for any issues that may arise during the elective.

For support regarding the level or quality of supervision or any potential challenges to the code of medical ethics during your elective please reach out to Dr. Beverly Forsyth, Director of Student Electives. For support for any personal issues, you may reach out to Student Affairs.