

Global Health Student Site Evaluation: The Banyan 2013

1. Name:

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2. Which level student are you?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
MS1	0.0%	0
MS2	100.0%	5
MS3	0.0%	0
MS4	0.0%	0

3. What country did you visit for your international elective?

India

4. In what city/town was your international elective site located?

Chennai

5. Name of Host Organization/Institution:

The Banyan

6. Department/Focus of Work:

- 1 Women's Mental Health
- 2 Mental Health, Women
- 3 mental health in homeless women
- 4 Physical exams for mental health patients
- 5 Internal Medicine/Psychiatry

7. Name of Preceptor/Mentor:

4 Dr. Renu Weiss

8. Dates of Rotation/Elective (DD/MM/YY - DD/MM/YY):

12/14/12 - 12/30/12

9. Total cost of elective:

- 1 Around \$3,000/student
- 2 3000/student
- 3 3000/student
- 4 3200/student

10. Did you receive a scholarship for this elective (check all that apply)?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
No scholarship	0.0%	0
Paul Brand Scholarship	0.0%	0
Dean's Scholarship	100.0%	5
Other (please specify)		4
Alumni Association Scholarship		

11. Where did you find out about this elective/program?

- 1 AMWA
- 2 Previous group
- 3 AMWA and Global Health Elective
- 4 AMWA
- 5 Through previous students

12. Please rate how well prepared you were for this elective site?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Poor	0.0%	0
Fair	0.0%	0
Fine	0.0%	0
Good	100.0%	5
Excellent	0.0%	0

13. Please explain why you felt/didn't feel prepared?

- 1 The previous team prepared us well.
- 2 We practiced the physical exam skills we learned in CAP/ACES.
- 3 I could have been more prepared culturally before I went, but I learned a lot when I was there.

14. Which Global Health elective were you enrolled in?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
International Medicine - INTD 3001	0.0%	0
Global Health Enrichment Elective - ELEC 5047	100.0%	5
Preparing for Global Health Work - INTD 4030	0.0%	0
International Medicine - MEDI 7003	0.0%	0
None	0.0%	0
Other (please specify)		0

15. Which session(s) from your electives(s) were most useful/helpful for your work at your site?

- 1 Dr. Ustatine's dermatology session
- 2 Vaccinations, Preparation for Global Health Work
- 3 Travel Medicine, Global Health Work
- 4 preparation for leaving such as what vaccines to get
- 5 Planning Global Health Trip

16. What information or skills could have been provided that would have been of benefit for you at your elective site?

- 1 Maybe an example of a typical physical examination
- 2 More mental Health training
- 3 Introduction to Mental Health
- 4 more cultural information about India in specific
- 5 cultural practices information

17. What suggestions do you have to improve student preparation for international electives?

- 1 No comment
- 2 None

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| 3 | I think all trips should have required info sessions on the language and culture of the respective regions they are traveling to before their trip. |
| 4 | learning more about medicine in the different cultures |
| 5 | cultural proficiency books |

18. What accommodations did you have?

- 1 Apartment
- 2 Flat/apt
- 3 We stayed in a flat/apt a mile or so away from the Banyan.
- 4 an apartment
- 5 an apartment

19. How would you rate the suitability and comfort of your accommodations?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Poor	0.0%	0
Fair	0.0%	0
Fine	0.0%	0
Good	60.0%	3
Excellent	40.0%	2

20. How could your accommodations have been improved?

- 1 Communication was a challenge
- 2 Great accommodations
- 3 The accommodations were great.
- 4 none

21. How would you rate the quality of food while at your elective site?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Poor	0.0%	0
Fair	0.0%	0
Fine	0.0%	0
Good	60.0%	3
Excellent	40.0%	2

22. What was the source of meals while at your elective site? (Please check all that apply)

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Prepared own meals	0.0%	0
Cafeteria	40.0%	2
Home stay/Meals prepared at accommodation	40.0%	2
Restaurants	80.0%	4
Other (please specify)		1
The Banyan also fed us often		

23. What type(s) of ground transportation did you utilize during your elective?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Walk	100.0%	5
Train	0.0%	0
Cab	60.0%	3
Car	60.0%	3
Motorcycle	0.0%	0
Bicycle	0.0%	0
Other (please specify)		3
Auto rickshaw		

24. Was the ground transportation safe?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Not Very	0.0%	0
Fair	20.0%	1
Fine	0.0%	0
Good	40.0%	2
Very	40.0%	2

25. Please describe your duties while at your site.

- 1 See patients, interact with health care workers
- 2 Perform physical exams on 160 residents, give health care presentations to health care workers
- 3 We performed physical exams on all the residents and gave presentations on various topics to the health care workers.
- 4 performed physical exams and present health information for the health care workers
- 5 perform physical exams

26. Was your site preceptor/mentor helpful?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Not Very	0.0%	0
Fair	0.0%	0
Fine	0.0%	0
Good	0.0%	0
Very	100.0%	5

27. Please explain how your preceptor was/was not helpful.

1	Dr. Weiss is an excellent mentor. Her dedication to her work is inspiring.
2	She truly cared about our preparedness & reflections on the trip & was there to help us along with our exams and explain any pathologies.
3	She provided great advice and support not only for improving our skills as healthcare providers, but also for adapting as best we could culturally and making the most out of our experience.
4	She was very helpful in helping us with our physical exam skills and also doing the differential diagnosis. She would always take advantage of a teaching moment in medicine and in the culture.
5	very open to questions

28. How would you rate your site preceptor's/mentor's knowledge?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Poor	0.0%	0
Fair	0.0%	0
Fine	0.0%	0
Good	0.0%	0
Excellent	100.0%	5

29. How would you rate your preceptor's/mentor's teaching abilities?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Poor	0.0%	0
Fair	0.0%	0
Fine	0.0%	0
Good	0.0%	0
Excellent	100.0%	5

30. Please elaborate on their teaching abilities.

- 1 Dr Weiss would sometimes ask us to pause the physical exams for a teachable moment. This was very helpful.

- 2 She took time to explain every abnormal physical exam finding and was very open to questions. She didn't make us feel stupid & encouraged learning whenever possible, whether it be medical knowledge or cultural awareness.

- 3 Dr. Weiss was always available for clarification, questions, and reflection and took special interest in all of us and our development and learning process.

- 4 She was always ready and willing to answer questions and teach us things. She was very knowledgeable in medicine and in the culture in which we were working.

- 5 any physical exam findings she brought the group around to view

31. On average, how much time did your preceptor spend with you during a typical day?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
0 - 2 hours	0.0%	0
2 - 4 hours	0.0%	0
4 - 6 hours	60.0%	3
6 - 8 hours	40.0%	2
8 hours or more	0.0%	0

32. What did you learn from the health center/hospital staff/program staff with respect to global health, public health, tropical medicine and infectious diseases?

- 1 Their dedication to the challenging work of providing for an abandoned population was inspirational.

- 2 We learned how a large, nonprofit organization is run & what common diseases they see.

- 3 During our stay, we were given a number of orientation sessions at different sites (The Banyan outpatient clinic, The Banyan primary facility, and a Men's Homeless Shelter in Chennai) and learned a great deal about the programs that have worked best in this resource limited setting. The Banyan as an organization is operated and run extremely well and we had the opportunity to talk to individuals in a number of different positions/levels within the system (the founder, the nurses, the psychiatrist, the psychologist, the healthcare workers, volunteers).

- 4 Mental health is a huge problem, especially in poorer countries where families can't afford to stay home and look after a mentally ill family member let alone afford medicines. It was cool to see how an organization successfully treats people with mental illness in an academic and compassionate way.

- 5 that you don't necessarily need a medical education to be a health care worker

33. What awareness of the host country's health care system/situation did you acquire?

- 1 The disparity of treatment of women with mental health disorders

- 2 We had a lecture from Dr. Weiss about the general overview of India's healthcare system.

- 3 During our stay, we learned quite a bit about the healthcare system and how The Banyan operates within that system.

- 4 It's available but expensive and patients are patients everywhere as in there is always an excuse not to go to the doctor!
- 5 through conversation

34. How likely are you to recommend this site to a peer (another medical or MD/MPH student)?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Not likely	0.0%	0
Somewhat unlikely	0.0%	0
Not sure	0.0%	0
Somewhat likely	0.0%	0
Very likely	100.0%	5

35. Please explain why you would/would not recommend to another student.

- 1 It was a great experience
- 2 It was an amazing learning experience, helped build my confidence in exam skills & was a great cultural awareness opportunity.
- 3 I thought it was an amazing overall experience and Dr. Weiss is an amazing and inspiring mentor. I was able to practice my physical exam skills in a non-threatening environment, discover and explore a new culture, learn a lot about the business and logistics of health care operations such as The Banyan in resource limited settings, and interact with mental health patients who had a lot to teach me.
- 4 I learned a lot about medicine and India. I felt that my physical exam skills improved and my confidence in interacting with patients increased. I would 100% recommend this to another student.
- 5 it was a great experience

36. What suggestions do you have to improve this elective site/program?

- 1 None
- 2 Maybe give more presentations to healthcare workers.
- 3 I think the group should remain small (only 4 or 5 people) because I believe small groups truly enhance the experience. Also, I think the length of time was perfect.
- 4 More cultural integration at the beginning of the trip
- 5 more planning

37. Any other comments?

- 1 No
- 2 None
- 3 I love this trip because it is the perfect opportunity for medical students to get involved and learn about global health without leaving behind something that is not sustainable and potentially harmful to the communities involved. I think it is important for students

interested in global health to first experience, witness, and understand sustainable and effective projects such as The Banyan before endeavoring to create one. This opportunity, for this reason, proved even more educational and beneficial for me than I was anticipating and I was extremely pleased with my experience at The Banyan.

4 I really think this trip is beneficial to students and should continue.