**FORM 3: International Site Assessment – REQUIREMENTS**

*After you receive approval from the Special Electives Committee, please fulfill these pre-departure requirements, which we have created to promote your health and safety and maximize your learning. Please investigate, complete, and provide a signed copy of the answered items on this form for final approval.*

In choosing to participate in an international experience abroad, as DUCOM students you must be mindful of your legal and ethical responsibility to only engage in activities for which you have the appropriate training and supervision.

1. Drexel University medical students are covered under the University’s professional liability policy as long as they are on an approved rotation, and their clinical activities fall within their scope of duties for educational purposes within the college of medicine and they have appropriate supervision.
2. Students are **not** covered under the University’s liability policy during a vacation term.
3. **There are limitations of the medical malpractice coverage as provided by DUCOM. Students have medical malpractice coverage provided that they are on a Drexel-approved elective with an approved preceptor. However, while this coverage is valid for international electives, it is critical for you and the local university and hospital to understand that any medical malpractice claims would need to be made in the United States or Canada, which presents a serious limitation to filing a medical malpractice claim.**

**Health (Personal and Occupational)**

* We require that you visit your primary care physician or any Travel Health Center **AND** follow their directions for:
  + Travel vaccinations
  + Management of general health issues
  + Post-exposure prophylaxis
    - We require that you carry a month’s supply of prophylaxis medications with you
  + Post-return follow-up
* I have visited and followed their directions.
* Are there health safety risks associated with the elective (infectious disease exposure, violence, etc.)?
  + If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + And please learn how you will minimize or avoid them \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Inquire and tell us what would happen if there is an “on the site” health emergency. What are post-exposure prophylaxis guidelines available at your elective?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + In case of an emergency:
    - Identify providers you would access: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
    - Contact Student Affairs Hotline at 215.991.8184 (know how to dial the U.S. from outside of the country) in the event of any emergency.
    - Identify how you will leave emergently if you need to: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + We require that you carry a month’s supply of prophylaxis medications with you.
    - Are there guidelines/risks about carrying medications with you (pills or others such as insulin syringes) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Personal protective equipment (as appropriate, i.e., eye protection, gloves, mask, etc.)
  + We require that you use OSHA precautions and personal protective equipment (PPE) as appropriate
  + For low-resource areas, bring your own supply
* You will not engage in any clinical procedures for which you have not had training or on-site supervision
* Medical insurance
  + Learn what kind/if any insurance coverage does your program have for participants? Does this include medical, natural disasters, and political evacuation and repatriation? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + You are required to have health insurance that provides international coverage.
    - Please check with your own health insurance and learn what is covered once you leave the U.S.: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Find out if the country you are visiting will expect you to pay any medical bills in cash (and then will be reimbursed by your own insurance): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Drexel University has blanket on-call coverage, which is a supplemental insurance, not meant to replace your own health insurance. This means that all Drexel University faculty, students and staff who travel internationally for Drexel purposes (not personal) are automatically covered by on-call emergency, evacuation and repatriation coverage. This is set up once you register with Drexel Office of Global Engagement & Education Abroad.

**U.S. Department of State Travel Advisories**

Department of State Travel Advisory and Alert information may be found on the U.S. Department of State website: <http://www.state.gov/travel/>)

If the country is on the trade embargo list, has a Travel Advisory of 3 or 4, OR Travel Alert, students’ application will be rigorously reviewed individually and may not be approved

* Review U.S. Department of State travel advisories, alerts or messages
* Review recent news or events. Is there any political instability or ongoing unrest? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Are there any safety considerations or notes for travelers in regard to gender, sexual orientation, religion, race or ethnicity? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If you are considering travel to a site with a [High Risk designation](http://drexel.edu/oip/program-development/international%20health/), the Travel Risk Review Committee requires further information:

* Provide a written justification for the important/value of this particular location to your learning objectives
* Provide an evacuation emergency safety plan
* Sign the addendum to the Terms and Conditions of Participation
* You will need to provide this information to the Drexel Office of Global Engagement & Education Abroad who will then send to the Travel Risk Review Committee for consideration of approval.

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| Your answers: |

**Photography**

If taking photographs, respect others’ privacy and avoid posting others’ information. If you are obtaining patients’ pictures—for presentations or anything else—you will need patients’ written permission**.**

* I have read attached article re: photography.

**Pre-departure didactic coursework**

We want your global experience to be safe, culturally, and ethically appropriate. Thus, upon approval but pre-departure, students are required to complete **didactic coursework on cultural and ethical competency and prepare a plan of study.** This is detailed in the section on handout on Global Health Resources.

* I have completed this.

**I have learned and followed all points in this section \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Upon completion of all requirements, please turn in this form to Dr. Varjavand. Then, contact Office of Global Engagement & Education Abroad,** [mwh23@drexel.edu](mailto:mwh23@drexel.edu) or 215.571.3762 **for your registration and final step in the approval process.**