THAILAND

“Immersing yourself in a new and unique culture is an invaluable experience. Both from a medical and non-medical standpoint, you are learning constantly as you communicate with others. The most valuable thing I gained from the experience was a constant awareness of the varying cultures throughout our world, particularly the differences between Western and Eastern cultures and values. Traveling really is a cure for ignorance.”

- Michael Cameron, MS III

CHINA

“My project, New Frontiers for Medication Safety in Gansu, China, was a quantitative study about patient safety attitudes and behaviors of physicians and nurses at Gansu Provincial Hospital in Gansu, China. I was responsible for the study design, development of the research tool, data collection, data input and data analysis.”

“Although working in China was challenging due to language and cultural barriers, this was an outstanding opportunity to gain experience conducting international research.”

- Danielle Grams, MSII

Why student exchange?

As a reciprocal program, student exchange allows medical students from the US and abroad the opportunity to participate in clinical or research electives, learn each others' medical practices, acquire research skills, and experience a new culture, thus helping them to become well-rounded doctors.
Clinical Observership Program

Started in 2008, this program is dedicated to providing innovative medical education for medical students and physicians from around the globe. Through this program, highly motivated medical students or physicians, whose universities have forged a collaborative agreement with the USF College of Medicine, are invited to participate in medical observerships and subsequently return to their countries to become clinicians, leaders, and educators in their medical fields.

**SPECIALTIES:**
- Cardiology
- Emergency Medicine
- Gastroenterology
- General Surgery
- Infectious Diseases
- Internal Medicine
- Neurology
- Neurosurgery
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Oncology
- Pediatrics
- Pulmonary Medicine
- Radiology
- Rheumatology

In Their Words: Stories from Our International Trainees

**Subspecialty Training**

“I am so glad and lucky to round the wards with the attending physicians and their fellows in TGH. I learned a lot from them, including not only technical knowledge but also their attitude toward the patients. They are most skillful in their job. Meanwhile, I encountered diseases that rarely happen in my hometown, such as sickle cell disease, AIDS-related lymphoma and hemoglobin mutation. Moreover, outpatients can be given chemotherapy in the clinic, which is not allowed in my country. It is a good idea and very necessary for the medical staff to wear the isolation suites and gloves when they see the inpatients who are suffering from infectious diseases. Furthermore, the medical computer system is so amazing and helpful because the medical staff can search information about patients easily and faster, including the basic case and all kinds of examinations that are exactly necessary.”

- Dr. Li Lijuan, Physician
  The 2nd Hospital of Lanzhou University, China

**Clinical Observership**

“I was most impressed by the attitude of the attending physician and fellows towards patients. The knowledge of the attending is quite up-to-date. Patient management can be discussed with attending all the time. The management system within the hospital runs quite well. The coordinator of USF Medicine International was really helpful.”

- Chatree Wongsinkongman, Medical Student
  Srinakharinwirot University, Thailand

“The observership was great. The staff members, including residents, attending physicians and students, were very nice and helpful. The training facilities are fascinating and the working environment is pleasant. It was a very nourishing experience to be a part of such professional and high quality teams in different areas within the pediatrics department at TGH.”

- William Bealey, Medical student
  Universidad Latina de Panama, Panama

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