Policy and Procedure

Postgraduate Medical Education (PGME)

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Policy

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.
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