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Medical Electives

- **Health considerations**: www.cdc.gov/travel/ for country-specific health guidelines
  - Pre-departure MCW travel clinic
    - Post-exposure prophylaxis, antimalarials, mosquito netting, DEET, antibiotics, etc.
- **Safety considerations**
  - State Department Travel Warnings: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_1764.html
  - Seek out safe driving situations, avoid large taxis when possible
- **Finances**: WICare Ambassadors Fund for MCW students: http://www.wicare.org/introduction1.html
- **Potential Elective Sites**
  - University of the Philippines, Manila
    - Contact Dr. Michael Kron, MCW Internal Medicine
  - Hillside Health Care, Belize (http://www.hillsidebelize.net/)
  - AMSA’s international opportunity directory
  - AAP Section of International Child Health overseas directory
  - AAFP residency programs with international rotations
  - American Medical Association International Health Database (comprehensive list online)
  - Christian & Medical Dental Association
    - http://www.cmdahome.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Global_Health_Outreach
  - International Medical Volunteers Association: www.imva.org
  - www.idealist.org

*Use the internet liberally in your elective search, but with caution. And ensure that you have a good preceptor!*

Curriculum and ways to get involved

- **Independent reading**: See reverse side for reading recommendations
- **Organized curriculum and forums for involvement in global health**
  - Join GHEC (Global Health Education Consortium) http://globalhealthedu.org
    - Online curriculum: www.globalhealthedu.org (modules)
  - Join AMSA’s Global Health Action Committee (American Medical Student Association)
    - www.amsa.org
  - Join a professional specialty section on global health (for example, the American Academy of Pediatrics Section of International Child Health)
  - Apply to AMSA’s Global Health Scholars Program (a 6-month study-at-home curriculum)
  - Subscribe to global health newsletters (i.e. Partners in Health, Global Health Council, etc)
  - Case Western Annual Course in International Health (1 month long in summer):
    - http://www.case.edu/orgs/cghd/Courses.htm
  - ASTMH (American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene)
    - Certificate of Knowledge in Clinical and Travelers’ Health
  - Residencies: AMSA’s list of residencies with global health programs (not entirely current)
  - Fellowship and post-graduate education (i.e. MPH)

Volunteer/Advocacy opportunities

- Refugee Resettlement & Milwaukee Refugee Consortium
- Pan African Community Association (http://www.panafricoma.org/)
- Collect & donate medical books/journals (www.medicc.org) as well as supplies & equipment
- Provide support for local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) involved with global health
- Physicians for Human Rights (http://physiciansforhumanrights.org/)
- Amnesty International (http://www.amnesty.org/)
- Global Health Council (http://www.globalhealth.org/)

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- Oxfam International (http://www.oxfam.org)

Reading Recommendations
Please refer to the Global Health Education Consortium (GHEC) Global Health Bibliography for a complete listing of handbooks, articles & texts:

http://globalhealthedu.org/aboutus/Pages/ProjectsServices.aspx

Articles
5. MANY, many more…please refer to GHEC bibliography

References
- WHO manuals (www.who.int) & annual World Health Report
  i.e. Pocketbook of Hospital Care for Children. Guidelines for the management of common illnesses with limited resources.
- London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine Publications
- Oxford Handbook of Tropical Medicine
- Doctors without Borders Manuals (www.doctorswithoutborders.org) and publications
- Unicef publications (www.unicef.org), including “The State of the World’s Children”
- Where There is No Doctor: A village health care handbook (Werner et al, 2007)
- Helping Health Workers Learn: A book of methods, aids, and ideas for instructors at the village level (Werner & Bower)
- The Global Text Project: http://globaltext.terry.uga.edu/books
- U of Minnesota Tropical & Travel Medicine Series: http://www.tropical.umn.edu/TTM/Presentations.htm
- www.WorldHealthNews.harvard.edu
- See other reference books at the Hesperian Website http://www.hesperian.org/Publications_and_Resources.php

Books
- Health and Human Rights, Jonathan Mann, Sofia Gruskin, Michael Grodin, George Annas, eds.
- HIV and AIDS in Africa: Beyond Epidemiology, Ezekiel Kalipeni, Susan Craddock, Joseph Oppong, and Jayati Ghosh
- Food Security in Sub-Saharan Africa, Stephen Devereux and Simon Maxwell, eds.
- The End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities for Our Time, Jeffrey Sachs
- Please also see the Global Health Council Book List: http://www.globalhealth.org/view_top.php3?id=339

Films:
- A Closer Walk: http://www.acloserwalk.org/
- The Lost Boys of Sudan: http://www.lostboysfilm.com/
- Coming To Say Goodbye: Stories of AIDS in Africa
- Rx for Survival: http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/rxforsurvival/
- ¡Salud! (http://www.saludthefilm.net/ns/index.html)

Websites with up-to-date information & newsletters:

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For a more comprehensive list of medical student global health resources, please refer to:
http://ihealth.stanford.edu/programs/suggestions.doc