Guidelines for Choosing a Site for International Elective

If you are choosing a site already established by CNMC or GWU, it should meet the following criteria.

If you decide to seek a site independently, we strongly recommend it meet the following “Top 10” criteria:

1) Personal security in the location can be reasonably assured
2) Political stability of the country
3) Safe housing can be arranged prior to departure
4) You’ll have easy access to clean food and safe drinking water
5) You’ll live within walking distance or the facility of transportation will be available
6) Telephone and/or internet access is available
7) You can identify a local mentor and communicate with him/her prior to arrival.
8) You will work alongside local health care workers or physicians and have some amount of supervision during the experience
9) You will not be expected to care for patients on your own or to take the place of local health care workers
10) You can communicate with the health care workers in the same language or can make arrangements for an interpreter

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