

<b>Title of Clerkship:</b>	Guatemalan Rural Health Care System / Obstetrics & Gynecology Medical Mission Elective
<b>Elective Year:</b>	Fourth Year Elective Clerkship
<b>Department:</b>	Obstetrics / Gynecology
<b>Type of Elective:</b>	Clinical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Clinical/Research <input type="checkbox"/> Basic Science <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Clerkship Site:</b>	Petén (Santa Ana and San Cristobal), Guatemala
<b>Course Number:</b>	
<b>Blocks Available:</b>	Variable – interested students must check with the UT Office of Global Health
<b>Number of Students/Block:</b>	2 maximum
<b>Faculty</b>	Anne Ruch, M.D.
<b>Elective Description/Requirements:</b>	<p>This elective clerkship will enable fourth year medical students to gain four weeks of clinical and public health experience in the Petén region of Guatemala. Students participating in this elective will screen women for cervical cancer and a variety of sexually transmitted diseases. In addition, they will provide prenatal and maternal health care, with an emphasis on women's health issues. The majority of the time will be spent at a clinic in Santa Ana, but one week will focus on performing gynecological surgeries in San Cristobal.</p> <p>Students will clinically participate by performing pap smears and HPV swabs, working with cytotechnologists to stain and read slides, and observing Guatemalan health promoters performing VIAA. Students will work with Guatemalan nurses to obtain focused health histories, including assessing for potential exposures and risk factors. Additionally, students will perform health outreach and complete health education projects in the communities. The project is collaborating with the National Institute of Health for further analysis of biopsy specimen, including evaluating for the presence of potential carcinogens from wood smoke.</p> <p>Students will live in hotel or apartment accommodations throughout their experience in Guatemala. They will be supervised by an attending UT physician from the department of Obstetrics/Gynecology. Students will be expected to apply their clinical skills in women's health and perform pelvic exams. They will expand their knowledge of public health issues and health education. Ultimately, they will integrate their current knowledge and concept of medical care with an understanding of the Guatemalan medical system and culture. They will gain awareness of the medical challenges facing governments of developing countries, the rural poor, and non-governmental agencies seeking to provide care to these populations.</p>
<b>Length of Clerkship:</b>	4 weeks
<b>Links to EPOs:</b>	Educational Course Objectives:
K12, K13, S9	1. Explain the relationship between the degree of economic development in San Lucas Tolimán, Guatemala, and the access to health care for individuals living in that community.
K3, K9, K10, K12, K13, K14, K15, S2, S8, S10	2. Discuss the relative impact of tropical diseases, poor access to health care, and limited public health resources and initiatives on the health status of individuals living in Guatemala.
K5, K12, K13, K14, K15, S7, S8, S10	3. Compare and contrast the available clinical and laboratory facilities in Toledo, Ohio, and San Lucas Tolimán, Guatemala.
K9, K10, K12, K13, K14, K15, S2	4. Discuss the impact of participating in medical care in a developing country on your professional identity and development as a health care provider in the U.S.
<b>Professionalism:</b>	The student must adhere to all professionalism standards and policies of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences M.D. Program.
<b>Instructional</b>	Ambulatory care experience, case studies, case write-ups, diagnostic test – use and

<b>Methods:</b>	interpretation, independent study, mentored clinical practice, clinical case presentation, and small group presentation and discussion.
<b>Evaluation Methods:</b>	Faculty assessment of case presentation, observation and assessment of clinical skills, review of journal entries/reflective paper, assessment of student presentation of assigned medical topic(s), and assessment of performance as a student team leader.
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	The student must be in good academic standing and must have successfully completed all required clerkships. In addition, all policies mandated by the UT Office of Global Health must be followed and all associated requirements completed.
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<b>Special Requirements:</b>	The student is required to adhere to the UT Student Global Health Experiences Policy (Policy #3364-81-04-030-02). Please contact the UT Office of Global Health with questions related to this policy.
<b>AAMC Hot Topics Addressed in this Elective Clerkship:</b> <i>(please make selection from attached Hot Topic list)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Health</li> <li>• Health Care Systems</li> <li>• Medical Ethics</li> <li>• Medical Socioeconomics</li> <li>• Multicultural Medicine</li> <li>• Patient Health Education</li> <li>• Population-Based Medicine</li> </ul>