

Global Health Pathway for Residents and Fellows Site Assessment Rotation Goals & Objectives

Description

The primary objective of the site assessment visit is to prepare for your return trip to conduct a research project(s) of global public health significance the following year. In the event a trainee will be conducting research in a location that has not hosted Duke Trainees previously, it is important to note that gathering sufficient data on the site assessment visit will be especially critical for a trainee's success.

Research:

1. Identify local mentor(s)/site preceptor who will be willing to serve as a co-investigator(s) on your project. Discuss their roles/responsibilities as your site preceptor (share one page document with them).
2. Draft a mentorship plan and individual development plan.
3. Identify several potential research questions of significance that will form the basis for your research proposal/project.
4. Learn the requirements for submitting a research proposal to the local ethics committee for review.
 - a. Is there more than one ethics committee review required (e.g local AND national)?
 - b. Are there fees required?
 - c. Are there SOPs that must be followed?
 - d. What is the application process?
 - e. What are the typical timelines for submission/review/and approval?
5. What is the process for hiring local research staff? What kind of staff will you need (stats, data entry, research coordinator, lab)?
6. Who are the financial contacts to process contracts and payments?
7. What is the process for establishing a research budget, estimating costs and submitting external funding applications?
8. What kind of supplies/equipment will be required; will they be purchased locally or in the US?
9. What is the best local practice for data security?
10. Space for conducting research?
11. Will local transportation be required? What is the cost?
12. How are patients compensated for participation in research studies?
13. Who can translate the informed consent document? What is the cost?

Administrative:

1. How to secure housing for long term stay?
2. What kind of visa/residency permit etc. are required for the long term visit?
3. How to apply for a medical license?
4. Explore Internet/cell phone connectivity options.
5. Identify key administrative point of contact.