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Medicine: MEDI-558 - Elec: Chongqing Global Health	
Course Type	Clinical Elective
Prerequisites:	
Restriction days:	30
Keywords:	
Course Objectives:	
Course Title	Chongqing Clinical Elective in Global Health
Course Number	558
Year	Year 4
Faculty	Lisa V. Adams, MD
Location	Chongqing, China
Duration	4 Weeks
When Offered	July - December. March - April. (January and February are excluded.)
Credits	4 credits
Enrollment	Enrollment varies each year. Limited to Global Health Pathway Students.
Visiting Students	No
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Course Description	The Chongqing Clinical Elective in Global Health is available to fourth-year Geisel medical students interested in applying clinical skills in resource-limited settings. These fellowships are expected to take place for 4 weeks during a student's M4 year. Students are selected annually to work with an inpatient care team to appropriately diagnose and treat general medical or pediatric patients in the Chongqing Medical University teaching hospitals. Electives are available in general OB/GYN, Surgery, Internal Medicine or Pediatrics and medical subspecialty care areas such as Cardiology, Pulmonary, Neurology, Hematology, Oncology, Gastroenterology, Genetics, Neonatology, and Infectious Disease. During their elective, students will become familiar with the disease profiles and public health challenges in Chongqing and experience cultural differences in care delivery between the US and Chongqing in terms of healthcare systems and resource allocation.
Objectives & Goals	In the clinical rotations students will: 1. Understand the clinical practices in general OB/GYN, Surgery, Internal Medicine, or Pediatrics and medical subspecialty care areas

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Objectives & Goals cont.	such as Cardiology, Pulmonary, Neurology, Hematology, Oncology, Gastroenterology, Genetics, Neonatology, and Infectious Disease. 2. Work with an inpatient care team to appropriately diagnose and treat general medical or pediatric patients in the Chongqing Medical University teaching hospitals 3. Understand differences in healthcare delivery at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (and other U.S. academic medical centers) and Chongqing Medical University teaching hospitals in terms of healthcare systems and resource allocation 4. Learn difference in disease profiles and public health challenges in US and China 5. Experience cultural differences in care delivery between the U.S. and Chongqing/China
Instruction	The student will be taught by the medical faculty and residents/interns of our partner institution at Chongqing Medical University teaching hospitals and clinics. Instruction will include sessions, case presentation, and bedside teaching. General Items: Orientation: Students are required to participate in either an online or in-person pre-departure seminar organized through the Center for Global Health Equity. Students are required to visit a travel clinic (Dick's House, DHMC or another of their choice) at least one month prior to departure. Housing: Housing in student apartments and on-site meals will be provided by CQMU. Security: Any country with warnings regarding security of American nationals will be prohibited for the international elective. Residents are strongly required to check the U.S. State Department periodically for relevant information regarding travel abroad.
Evaluation	This is a Pass/Fail course (an approved exception to the policy on Clinical Elective grading). The student will be required to have at least one attending faculty member and at least one resident or intern complete an evaluation of their clinical performances on this elective. The Registrar's Office will send an electronic evaluation to the attending faculty member and one resident or intern for completion. The student will meet with Dr. Lisa Adams upon return to Geisel to debrief on their experience.
Special Notes	Please note: Students registered for electives overseas are required to attend pre-departure sessions in person or online provided by the Center for Global Health Equity on safety and security, cross cultural competency, and professionalism and ethics to better prepare for an overseas experience. Additional requirements for international travel will be communicated to participating students, including but not limited to the requirement to complete the Program Acknowledgement, Release, and Indemnification Agreement. Elective is limited to Global Health Pathway Students.