University of Colorado School of Medicine
Graduate Medical Education

Policy: International Residency Rotations

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In this document, “resident” refers to both specialty residents and subspecialty fellows.

Introduction:

The University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine (UCD SOM) Graduate Medical Education (GME) is committed to providing residents with an educational program that offers them a personal program of learning and broad education in the science and art of medicine. Recognizing that some educational experiences are more valuable in a community of an international location, this policy is adopted concerning those experiences. As there must be full consideration of the quality of the rotation, including goals, objectives and faculty/attending supervision; the educational necessity of the rotation; the accreditation implications; and the financial implications of the rotation, the following procedures must be followed.

Application and Definitions:

This policy and procedure applies to all GMEC approved Residency and Fellowship Training Programs sponsored by the University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine. Programs can have their own policies and procedures in addition to this, but it must meet these minimum requirements. Applications must be approved by Dr. Rumack at least six months prior to the start of the international rotation.

International Residency Rotation educational experiences are defined as those educational experiences:

1) Not specifically required by ACGME program requirements; and
2) Occurring outside the United States.

Program Director must confirm the following:

1) Resident has verbal approval to go on elective and has been instructed to start the online registration process
2) Resident must be in good standing at the time of the request
3) Resident must not be in the first year nor final 2 months of training
4) Resident on track to complete all program/RRC requirements (i.e. case logs, educational time, etc) without extending the length of the residency due to international elective
5) International residency rotation, including travel time, will not exceed two months per rotation
6) Resident will take no more than 2 international residency rotations during the entire residency
7) International Residency rotation is in compliance with all program requirements, including Common Program Requirements and do not conflict with applicable Board eligibility requirements
8) Granting of International residency rotation will not result in a failure to meet contractual resident staffing agreements with participating hospitals.
9) Receipt of evaluation from International residency rotation faculty/attending Site Director who supervised the resident
10) Resident produces either a written report or PowerPoint presentation on international residency rotation experience
11) Resident completes all evaluations
12) If applicable, Resident/Program Director must meet all International Rotation application requirements set by their RRC, e.g. Surgery RRC.

**Policy and Procedure:**

The process for setting up an international residency rotation must begin at least 9 months prior to the anticipated rotation. Resident should be given program guidelines regarding International residency rotation as soon as possible in their training.

To start the approval process, the Resident must logon to the Office of Global Education Study Abroad site and complete the Request. [https://ucdenver.studioabroad.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=36142&Type=R](https://ucdenver.studioabroad.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=36142&Type=R)

Program Director will get electronic access to request and be able to approve on-line. After Program Director approves, application will be sent to GME Associate Dean (or designee) for final approval.

GME Administrator will process Program Letter of Agreement once GME Associate Dean has approved request.