

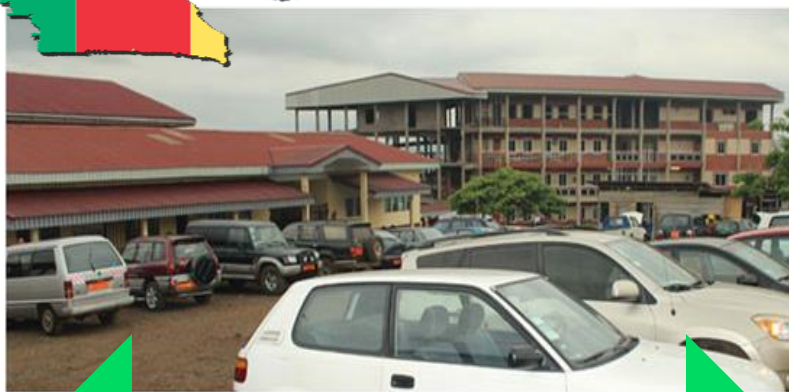


# INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL EDUCATION

Promoting the Exchange of Global Knowledge



## Cameroon



**STUDY ABROAD** on an  
**INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP**



## BAPTIST HOSPITAL MUTENGENE

(South West Region of Cameroon, Africa)

**January 29, 2018 to February 25, 2018**

**INTERNATIONAL CLINICAL ELECTIVE**

**INTERNAL MEDICINE**

**ONE (1) SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY IN  
INTERNAL MEDICINE AVAILABLE**

**DEADLINE TO APPLY**

**OCTOBER 30, 2017 at 12:00PM**

**MEDICAL STUDENT  
ENRICHMENT  
PROGRAM**

**GAIN A  
CROSS-CULTURAL  
UNDERSTANDING  
OF GLOBAL  
HEALTHCARE**

**ASSIST  
UNDERSERVED  
POPULATIONS**

**FOSTER  
RESEARCH AND  
EDUCATIONAL  
PARTNERSHIPS**

**ROTATE ON  
INPATIENT  
MEDICINE WARDS,  
OUTPATIENT  
CLINICS  
AND COMMUNITY  
OUTREACH FOR  
HIV PREVENTION  
ACTIVITIES**

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## Medical Student Enrichment Program University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine

UAB 4<sup>th</sup> Year Medical Student International Clinical  
Elective in **Internal Medicine**, Cameroon, Africa



The program is designed to encourage and develop humanitarian attitudes and cross-cultural understanding among our physicians-in-training. It fosters interest in assisting underserved populations, and stimulates and supports a "whole world" understanding of medicine. Students are encouraged to use resourcefulness, problem solving, and observation and communication skills.

### Eligibility

MS4 Medical students who applied for Internal Medicine residency. Students must be in good academic standing (not on academic probation). Participation will be noted on student's academic transcript, though no academic credit toward the graduation elective requirement will be awarded.

### Location

Mutengene, Cameroon, West Africa (Baptist Hospital Mutengene). Mutengene is located in the South West Region of Cameroon between the Atlantic Ocean and Mount Cameroon.

Duration - January 29, 2018 to February 25, 2018

### Host Organization



Cameron Baptist Convention Health Services (CBCHS), Baptist Hospital Mutengene is one of 7 hospitals run by CBCHS. The CBCHS [<http://www.cbchealthservices.org/>] is a major health services organization in Cameroon with over 80 health centers and 7 major hospital facilities serving communities in 6 of the 10 administrative regions in Cameroon. CBCHS has been providing quality healthcare services in Cameroon for over 70 years. Since inception, CBCHS has made extraordinary contributions to the health of Cameroonians using a clinical care and public health approach. CBCHS has an outstanding track record providing national leadership for the implementation of multiple health programs involving international partnerships. These programs include the prevention and treatment of infectious diseases (including HIV, malaria, and hepatitis B), women's health services (including cervical cancer prevention and family planning) and an oncology program (with focus on treating Burkitt's Lymphoma and Retinoblastoma). CBCHS is a primary local partner of the Cameroon Health Initiative at UAB (CHI UAB) with an in-country CHI UAB program coordinator and a CHI UAB research assistant on-site at each major facility.



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### Preceptors

**CBCHS Preceptors:** Dr. Henry Ndasi, Chief Medical Officer, Baptist Hospital Mutengene.

**UAB Facilitators/Preceptors:** Jodie Dionne-Odom, MD, Asst. Prof. Medicine/ID; Alan Tita, MD, PhD, Prof. of OB-GYN/MFM.

### Overview

One successful applicant will be selected among interested UAB fourth year medical students who plan to pursue training and careers in Internal Medicine. Applications will be screened by members of CHI-UAB for their qualifications and likelihood of successfully completing the elective. The rotation will consist of clinical and project activities on weekdays (all day M-F) and Saturday (until noon). These activities will include rotations on Inpatient Medicine Wards, Outpatient Clinics, and Community Outreach for HIV Prevention Activities. In addition, a concise special project, which may be a research or educational quality improvement project will be undertaken and completed during the elective period. The student will keep a log of all clinical activities and procedures carried out. Under the supervision of Dr. Ndasi, the student will shadow and assist designated physicians and providers in Internal Medicine services. The U.S. preceptors will be available by phone and by email for additional guidance and electives will be expected to overlap with visits by CHI UAB faculty to facilitate the insertion of the candidate. A schedule for the entire month will be agreed upon and approved prior to the student's departure.





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### Expectations for the Student

- 1) Professional conduct and behavior at all facilities and during interactions with patients and staff and respect for the Christian orientation of the CBCHS.
- 2) Frequent communication with local and US-based preceptors
- 3) Development of a concise research or improvement project prior to the trip with presentation of results to CHI UAB.
- 4) Summary paper (2-3 pages) within 4 weeks of return to the US describing the student experience including insights and challenges faced during the trip.
- 5) Report of educational QI project (goal to publish).
- 6) Report of MSEP Cameroon Internal Medicine experience.
- 7) Completion of site, preceptor, and elective evaluations.

### Logistics and Funding

All expenses for local transportation, housing, and meals while in Cameroon will be paid by UAB International Medical Education. Students will be required to pay only \$500 toward their airfare.

Information will be provided regarding traveler's health including a list of recommended vaccinations and medication for malaria prophylaxis. The student will be picked up on arrival at the Douala International Airport and provided transportation to the CBCHS Health Services Complex (HSC) residential facility at Mutengene. The student will be provided with: a dedicated phone (if desired) and internet key for local use including limited credits, lodging, daily meals provided at the facility (breakfast, lunch and dinner), and local transportation.

### Point of Contact

For additional information, please contact Michael J. Massey, Program Manager – UAB International Medical Education at [mjmassey@uab.edu](mailto:mjmassey@uab.edu).

