



**The Medical College of Georgia  
Academic Affairs Office**

## **Policy Regarding Travel to High Risk Countries**

The Medical College of Georgia supports and encourages interested medical students and residents to travel to foreign countries for electives. However, personal safety remains paramount when engaging in any activity abroad. Therefore, the following will be strictly enforced.

**Credit:** To receive credit for any international elective, a student's application must be approved by Study Abroad, the Global Health Director, and the Curriculum Office prior to travel. Credit will not be given to a student who travels to a country or experience without prior approval. Retroactive credit will not be given.

**High Risk Travel:** Certain substantial and high risk experiences (elevated risk level because of remoteness and poor medical delivery system, potentially requiring team self-extrication) may be undertaken, but only on teams lead by experienced MCG faculty. Permission to participate on a team traveling one of these elevated risk areas will be granted on an individual basis and students will be required to sign a waiver before embarking. MCG cannot regulate where individuals travel during their vacation or personal time, but nonetheless strongly discourages travel to any country with State Department or CDC warning or to high-risk areas. Therefore, MCG will not give credit for travel to a country with a Travel Warning.

If a student or resident is on an approved international rotation in a country which has a travel advisory raised during the experience, the individual will be asked to return to the US immediately.

U.S. State Department - <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel.html>

CDC - <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/>