Insuring the **Safety** and **Health** of the Clinical Students Participating in Short-term Overseas Exchange Program



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Background Short-term overseas exchange program (SOEP) has become the part of curricula of Peking University Health Science Center (PKUHSC). Each year, about 33% of sixth year students enrolled in eight-year program for clinical medicine undertake an elective at 25 university hospitals abroad. The participants benefited greatly from SOEP.





SUMMARY OF WORK

Literature Review

Records of Student Attendance at Home and Abroad Students' Exchange Reports

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Qualitative Analysis

Communication Records between Home Coordinator and the Exchange Students

Communication Records between Home and Host Coordinators

Summary of Results

Exceeding the home university required time Skipping clinical rotations for personal travels Sudden illness

Emergency surgery A Few Cases
Terrorist attacks

Outbreak of infectious diseases

Affected

Exchange students students' families Home University Host institutions

Conclusions

Guidelines including adequate oversight, required travel insurance and/or insurance for malpractice, fixed time period of SOEP to insure the safety and health of the clinical students participating in SOEP are necessary.