

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

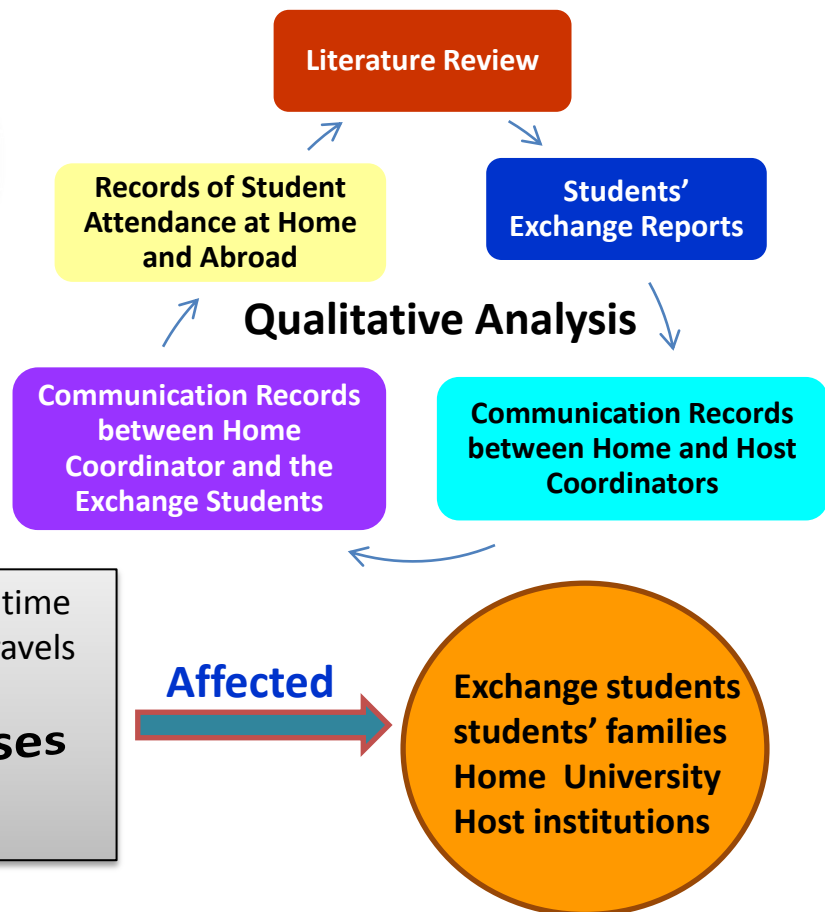


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Background Short-term overseas exchange program (SOEP) has become the part of curricula of Peking University Health Science Center (PKUHSC). Each year, about 33% of sixth year students enrolled in eight-year program for clinical medicine undertake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



SUMMARY OF WORK



Summary of Results

Exceeding the home university required time
 Skipping clinical rotations for personal travels
 Sudden illness
 Emergency surgery
 Terrorist attacks
 Outbreak of infectious diseases

A Few Cases

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.