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 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.