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Resident Elective in Global Women's Health



Shown Above: Class of 2016 Graduate Meagan Campol Haynes, MD during her time at Korle Bu Teaching Hospital

The Experience

NYU Ob/Gyn Residents have the opportunity to participate in the Global Women's Health Elective at Korle Bu Teaching Hospital during their chief year of residency. Residents learn principles of global health through global health lectures during the first two years of residency. Residents who have completed these lectures are eligible for the elective. Rotations can be 2-4 weeks. Residents are placed on KBTH resident teams and participate on clinical services with those teams.

Below are some of the aspects included in the Global Women's Health Elective

- Clinical services: Labor & Delivery, Gynecologic Surgery, Reproductive Health/Family Planning
- Optional experiences: Sick Cell Clinic, Diabetes Clinic
- Narrative Medicine Requirement: Weekly emails to program director describing experience
- Optional blogging: Writing blog posts for Global Women's Health Website

Blogs

- [January 2016: Meagan Campol Haynes](#)
- [November 2013: Terri-Ann Bennett, MD](#)
- [May 2013: Katy Rivlin, MD](#)

Quotes from Past Residents' Experiences:

So it is official I have finished a 24 hour shift here at Korle-Bu Hospital and it was pretty tough. I worked on the maternity ward #1 (there are 6 OMG!) and did vaginal deliveries and c-sections throughout the night. Just to give you an idea of how busy the hospital is, they do 11,000 deliveries per year (Bellevue and Tisch combined do about 9,000) so some serious babies happening here. I did 2 c-sections Along the way I offered some surgical skills tips... I also helped out with a breech vaginal delivery that took like 20 minutes to deliver the baby (I was freaking out... way too long to get that kid out) and then I bagged and resuscitated it prior to transferring it to the NICU. He had a heartbeat and was breathing by the time it went up so I hope he does ok.

-- Jenna Zechmeister, MD, Class of 2013

One more bucket shower, one more semi toilet flush, one more mouthful of dirt on the car ride to the airport. Thank you Sari, plastic chair lady, Dr. Ades, Maala, bleating sheep-goat Paka-Parker, bean maker lady, Korle Bu Teaching Hospital, Emmanuel and his family, thank you Ghana. You've breathed your hot, dusty air into me and I hope to have it with me always.

-- Katy Rivlin, MD , Class of 2013