The University of Queensland, School of Surgery
YEAR 4 - SPECIALTIES II ROTATION
Approval Process to Undertake Specialties II Rotation Interstate/Overseas

Students who intend to undertake the Rotation at a site apart from the UQ Clinical Schools (Queensland and Overseas) are required to submit an application to the Head of Discipline of Surgery with details relating to the proposed Rotation.

The application form and further information can be located in the MBBS Guide by following pathways:

- MBBS Guide ➔
- 10. Overseas Experience ➔
- 10.8 Applying for an International/Interstate Opportunity ➔
- Medicine or Surgery Specialities (International/Interstate)

The approval process is summarised as follows:

Students submit the application forms to Shayne Garratt, Student Coordinator, Discipline of Surgery at least 8 weeks prior to the beginning of the rotation.
*Only completed application forms will be accepted for consideration.

The Head of Discipline will decide the suitability of the proposed Rotation. Initial approval will be granted provided that all the requirements are met.

In order to obtain the final approval, students are required to provide the following documents:

1. A letter of acceptance from the supervising consultants (on the hospital/university letterhead and with the consultant's signature)
2. A weekly timetable of activities during your attachment

Students will be notified of the outcome of their applications by the Discipline. Approved applications will be sent to the Head of Years 3 & 4 for final approval. Thereafter the applications should follow the process outlined in the MBBS Guide.

*** Students are advised NOT to make any travel arrangements until the final approval has been granted by the Head of Years 3 & 4.***
Please note the following:

- Forms must be submitted at least eight weeks prior to the beginning of the proposed interstate or overseas rotation. Any forms submitted after the eight week due date will not be considered excluding in exceptional circumstances where proof can be offered.

- Students are responsible for contacting any proposed teaching institution and for seeking agreement that a teaching program will be available consistent with the published Learning Objectives and Goals. Students are required to establish that supervision will be provided by a recognised Consultant in the nominated Specialty and that a teaching program is available.


- Students need to justify that the teaching program is similar to the teaching in Queensland hospitals. Students will need to provide the potential supervising Consultant with the Learning Objectives & Goals of the nominated specialty. This will ensure that the proposed supervising Consultant is aware of the requirements of the Discipline of Surgery Specialties II Rotation.

- Students undertaking Specialties II Rotation in institutions apart from UQ Clinical Schools (Queensland and Overseas) will be required to submit a 2-page report, at the end of the attachment, on how the Learning Objectives and Goals for that particular subspecialty were met.

- Surgical areas that students are allowed to undertake for two weeks during their Specialties II Rotation are as follows:
  - Cardiac surgery
  - ENT surgery
  - Neuro surgery
  - Maxillofacial surgery
  - Orthopeadic surgery

- Students are also able to organise a 2 week placement in Ophthalmology at an alternate location.

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