

### **Guidelines for Choosing a Site for International Elective**

If you are choosing a site already established by CNMC or GWU, it should meet the following criteria.

If you decide to seek a site independently, we strongly recommend it meet the following “Top 10” criteria:

- 1) Personal security in the location can be reasonably assured
- 2) Political stability of the country
- 3) Safe housing can be arranged prior to departure
- 4) You'll have easy access to clean food and safe drinking water
- 5) You'll live within walking distance or the facility of transportation will be available
- 6) Telephone and/or internet access is available
- 7) You can identify a local mentor and communicate with him/her prior to arrival.
- 8) You will work alongside local health care workers or physicians and have some amount of supervision during the experience
- 9) You will not be expected to care for patients on your own or to take the place of local health care workers
- 10) You can communicate with the health care workers in the same language or can make arrangements for an interpreter