

Faculty-Led Study Abroad Programs Health Care Checklist

The questions below are designed to encourage you to consider potential health issues and how they may affect your program abroad. While you may not have student medical information available to you, it is important to let students know you are open and available if they would like to disclose this information to you.

Be familiar with the local health-care delivery system

- Where are the local clinics and hospitals?
- Are there English-speaking doctors available?
- Hours of operation?
- Will the clinic treat foreigners?
- What is the method of payment?
- Bring a dictionary with medical terms and phrases (if applicable).

Establish a medical emergency plan

- Where do you find after-hours health care?
- How do you get someone out of the country quickly?
- Do you know how to contact International SOS in the event of an emergency that requires medical evacuation or repatriation?
- Know how to dial the local equivalent of 911.
- Make sure that all students also know how to “dial 911.”

Know your students

- Do any of your students have medical issues that may need attention?
- Do any participants have previous mental health issues that may require treatment or cause potential challenges for other participants?
- Do any students take regular medications that may not be available in the host country?