

# International Health Clinical Site Profile and Evaluation

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**Continent:** Pacific  
**Country:** Micronesia, Republic of Palau

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**Name of Program** Belau National Hospital

**URL:**

**Type of program:**

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**Updated:** 9/08

**Statement of purpose:**

## USA Contact

## Contact in Country:

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Notes: \*(US Zip - Domestic US Mail)

Application Process 6 months  
Preferred means of communications: email  
Mail reliability: very poor - 3 weeks

## Facility

Urban  Rural  Clinical Care  Community Medicine  Public Health

Language required:

Fluency level: none

English enough: yes

Language optional: Palauan

- Accepts Preclinical students  
 Accepts Clinical students  
 Accepts Residents/Doctors  
 Volunteer physicians  
 Accepts Non-clinical  
 Unclear from data provided

Accommodations:

Total cost:

Airfare: \$1175

Room/month: free housing at Dr.

Other travel:

Board/month: \$200

Does Hospital serve a defined area? Approx area Population: 19,000 (include

Hospital beds: 60  Lab/xray  Surgery  OB

Community Outreach Program?: Several rural clinics to visit on Thursdays

Sponsoring agent:

Unique rules: Love eating fresh sashimi and certified in scuba diving

## Evaluation

Info\_from: Mehri McKellar

Date\_Origin: 4/2000

How well did this elective site meet your professional learning goals in these categories (0=not rated by student)

Scale: 5 = Very well to 1 = Not at all

Other Comments:

Clinical goals met: 5

Community/Public Health goals: 5

Cultural/Personal goals: 5

Other (Specify and rank): Dr. Yano uses alternative medicin

How strongly would you recommend this site? 5

### 2nd evaluation

Info\_from2: Bruce Friedman, Susan Killion

Date\_Origin2: 1/98

How well did this elective site meet your professional learning goals in these categories (0=not rated by student)

Scale: 5 = Very well to 1 = Not at all

Other Comments2:

Clinical goals met: 5

Community/Public Health goals: 5

Cultural/Personal goals: 5

Other (Specify and rank):

How strongly would you recommend this site? 5

**The Palau AHEC** activities are centered at a community health center system of 9 sites and throughout the community. It is in year 6 of existence and has an advisory board of 12 members, 9 from the community, and three from academic institutions. Dr. Greg Dever, a JABSOM trained pediatrician, is the Palau AHEC Director. The Palau AHEC has concentrated on primary care and public health training, and has provided residency training to 11 medical officer physicians (graduates of a regional Medical Officer Training Program that graduated 88 medical officers, or regional MD equivalents, from 1986 to 1996 in the Federated States of Micronesia. Fourteen Medical Officers (regional MD equivalent) signed up for residency training and 11 completed the two year clinical program. In addition, 5 gained Postgraduate Diplomas in Medicine (General Practice) from the University of Auckland and seven physicians have earned Postgraduate Certificates and Diplomas in Public Health from the Fiji School of Medicine Department of Public Health (FSMed-DPH) and are on their way to Masters Degrees. The residency program accomplished its purpose and is no longer necessary, but the public health training courses were opened to other providers across the region.

The courses were adapted to “take on the road” and have been delivered in shorter periods of time by traveling Fiji School of Medicine faculty and by distance education modalities. To date 300 Micronesian physicians, nurses, environmental health workers, health administrators, and nutrition workers from Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, and Republic of the Marshall Islands have enrolled in Palau AHEC-facilitated Public Health training activities conducted by the Fiji School of Medicine Department of Public Health. So far, 55 of these have received formal Undergraduate and Postgraduate Certificates and Diplomas in Public Health, 39 having concentrated in Environmental Health.