

India file

[Aug 08]  
As In CFHI 1

Rocket Train  
@CFHI

## Child Family Health International

### Communicable Diseases in Mumbai, India

Students participating in this program will work in Mumbai's hospitals and clinics under the supervision of local preceptors and will explore the challenges of Infectious Disease in both urban and rural areas of India in various clinical settings. Medical student clinical experiences will be observational with no expectation that the students will examine, diagnose or treat patients without a medical preceptor supervising. All students' clinical rotation schedules will be the responsibility of the medical director designated for each site (in-country). Their on-site Medical Director is Dr. WS Bhatki. Dr. Bhatki works as Joint Director (Training and Surveillance) and as Monitoring and Evaluation Officer (GEATM/PPTCT) at Mumbai District AIDS Control Society. He will be able to evaluate CFHI participants on their performance in the program. His contact information is as follows:

Dr. WS Bhatki, Medical Director, CFHI  
Mumbai District AIDS Control Society  
Acworth Complex, Wadala  
Mumbai 400031  
India  
Tel : +91 (22) 24100247

It is the responsibility of the supervising physician to provide instruction in clinical reasoning and technical skills while also providing a role model to CFHI program participants for ethical practice as defined by standards of the profession in their country. The supervising physician is open to questions students may have pertaining to what constitutes ethical practice in their country. Supervising physicians provide clear communication with patients stating that the supervising physician is ultimately responsible for their care and that the CFHI participant is present for the purpose of public health education and may provide patient care with proper supervision.

### Clinical rotation sample

Students will receive a detailed schedule for the 4 weeks upon their arrival to Mumbai. All rotations are subject to change depending on local availability and upon Indian holidays. Local coordinators will do their best to make alternate arrangements if a particular activity or facility is not available during the program month.

### **Acworth Leprosy Hospital:**

This local government hospital in Mumbai is completely devoted to leprosy cases. Leprosy is one of the diseases that elicit a strong social reaction. Leprosy patients ostracized by families and society and with nowhere to go live at the facility. The cured hospital patients live on campus, provide emotional support, and run programs to rehabilitate new patients. Here students will see leprosy cases, receive lectures and be able to visit a leprosy museum. At any given time there are over 200 leprosy patients at this location.

Global Fund  
Aid. TB,  
mumbai

**Primary care in the biggest slum in Asia:**

CFHI also partners with two small clinics run in the extremely poor areas of Mumbai. These are located in the slums where majority of the urban poor live. The clinics are very small run by an individual doctor and assistant. Focus here will be on primary care and students will see most seasonal diseases. ? “

**BSES Municipal General Hospital:**

Located in Andheri West area of Mumbai, this hospital has 100 beds semi private general hospital that offers departments in Medicine, Surgery, Ob/Gyn, Orthopedic, Pathology and Radiology services. The hospital also has specialized services like ICU, Blood Bank, Kidney Dialysis Unit, CT Scan Centre, Physiotherapy and Oncology and training facilities. The hospital is financially maintained and managed by Global Hospital and Research Trust. 33% beds of the hospital are free for poor needy patients.

**V.N. Desai Municipal General Hospital:**

Located in Santa Cruz East area of Mumbai, this hospital has 251 beds and is a Municipal General Hospital having average daily OPD of about 1000 patients. This hospital is funded by Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai. It caters medical services free or at subsidized rates mainly to low socio economic class of people. The students will be rotated in the different clinical service departments of this hospital. It is situated close to the highway in the crowded Western Suburbs of Mumbai. There are Medicine, Surgery, Ob/Gyn, Orthopaedic, Psychiatry, ENT, Ophthalmology, Dentistry, Pathology, Radiology, Blood Bank, ICU (semi private), and Casualty departments in the hospital. Honorary Consultants, Resident and full time Medical Officers and qualified Nursing and Technical staff provide services to patients.

**Kushtarog Niwaran Samiti, Panvel / Shantivan:**

Located approximately 2 hours from Mumbai, the Kushtarog Niwaran Samiti (spread over a 122-acre plot) provides a unique opportunity for students to spend a week in the rural area to gain a better perspective on the differences in healthcare services between urban and rural India. The Samiti was established in 1952 where its main object is Leprosy eradication. During the last 20 years the center has detected 5000 leprosy patients of which 4800 patients has been cured so far. Students will split time between the Samiti and clinics throughout the Panvel/Shantivan region.

**Dr. Pankaj Batla's Clinic, Vakola, Santa Cruz:**

Dr. Batla is a general practitioner who caters to the middle class and high middle class population of Mumbai.

**Other short-term site visits:**

**-Half-day visit to Leprosy Referral Center at Golibar, Santa Cruz.** The center is a community based leprosy management center where diagnostic, physiotherapy and treatment facilities are provided for leprosy patients with complications. Student may

witness active leprosy cases with reactions, neuritis and other complications, as well as the manner in which these cases are managed at the community level.

**-Humsafar Project, Vakola, Santa Cruz-** This project provides HIV/AIDS Control program services to Men having Sex with Men (MSM). The project coordinators speak conversational English and may show students project activities, such as counseling, voluntary HIV testing practices, condom promotions, STD clinic, etc.

**-DOTS Center at Koldongri, Andheri-** A Tuberculosis Microscopy and Treatment Center where cases of TB are demonstrated and field level management of TB is discussed with students by a physician..