



## Virtual Clinical Experiences

### **VIRTUAL IS THE FUTURE, DON'T GET LEFT BEHIND.**

Long before the COVID-19 pandemic, telehealth, also referred to as telemedicine, was on the rise. As much learning has moved online, so have many clinical rotations which use audio and video technology to connect medical students, preceptors, and patients. These experiences are a convenient and safe option, but they are also a necessity.

### **WHY YOU NEED A VIRTUAL ROTATION**

#### **Telehealth Services Will Continue**

More than 75 percent of U.S. medical appointments in 2020 took place virtually. Similar patterns followed in other countries. Because it keeps appointment costs low, limits wait times, and has high patient satisfaction, telehealth—an industry valued at \$64.1 billion USD—will be a mainstay in medicine. Participating in a virtual rotation will give you the patient interaction and technology skills necessary to have success with this type of care.

#### **Residency Programs Recognize and Will Expect Them**

U.S. medical residency programs see virtual rotations as equivalent to in-person experiences. 33 percent of medical students who participated in one of our rotations last year completed virtual rotations, diversifying their training and real-world experience. To compete with these medical trainees, you will also need telehealth experience.

#### **Medical Schools Offer Rotations for Credit**

An increasing number of medical schools around the world accept virtual rotations for core and elective rotation requirements. If you aren't sure this is the case for your school, we can begin a discussion with your institution on your behalf. \*

*\*A request to reach out to your school should be made prior to program reservation.*



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### THE BENEFITS OF VIRTUAL ROTATIONS

#### Learn in Your Desired Environment

Participate in an immersive experience and receive individual attention. Your preceptor will ask you questions, and have you conduct medical histories and exams. If you have difficulty with these tasks, the preceptor will provide supplemental resources so you can build confidence in the specialty and skill at hand.

#### Earn a Letter of Recommendation and Network with U.S. Physicians

Learn from highly trained U.S. physicians, some of whom may have connections to U.S. residency programs. If you develop strong relationships with these individuals, they will be valuable contacts in the future. They may also write you a letter of recommendation that you can use when applying for U.S. residency or jobs in your home country.

#### Demonstrate Adaptability and Resilience

The medical industry and medical technology are constantly evolving. Both residency programs and hospitals want medical trainees willing to adapt and learn. Virtual rotations show that you embrace the new, making you a strong applicant.

#### Gain Real-World Training

Move your education from the classroom to the U.S. healthcare system. Gain real-world experience by interacting with physicians and other staff with a patient care- or research-focused rotation. Practice professional communication and clinical skills while developing new medical knowledge.