

AMSA Clinical Ethics Post-Return Workshop

Student Reflection

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Introduction, Cases, and Discussions adapted from Elansary M, Graber LK, Provenzano AM, Barry M, Khoshnood K, & Rastegar A. Ethical dilemmas in global clinical electives. *The Journal of Global Health*. 2011;1(1): 24-27

Objectives:

1. To reflect upon ethically challenging experiences both during and after an international clinical experience.
2. To discuss means of mitigating these dilemmas and seeking support during clinical experiences in resource-limited settings.

Creating your own case:

Reflecting on your experience, please write a **1/2 to 1 page case-study** exploring an ethical dilemma you encountered during your clinical elective.

The format should be similar to those that we discussed at the Pre-Departure Workshop, outlining a specific scenario. (See the example below).

Questions to get you started:

- Did you encounter a challenging experience that you wished you had thought about before you began your elective?
- Were there times when others misunderstood your clinical role?
- What challenges did you face in your learning?

Post-Return Workshop (Date TBA)

The cases will be reviewed by workshop leaders prior to the workshop. Students, workshop leaders, and faculty will meet to discuss these ethical issues.

Example of a case study:

Maya is a student rotating on an infectious disease ward in Indonesia. In the first few days, she realizes that she is frequently left alone to care for patients, as there are few physicians available to supervise her. Maya is anxious, as she feels she is providing care beyond her capabilities, and brings these concerns to the Chief of Services, who explains, "This is the best training you could be getting in global health! We depend upon our foreign colleagues to help with short staffing."