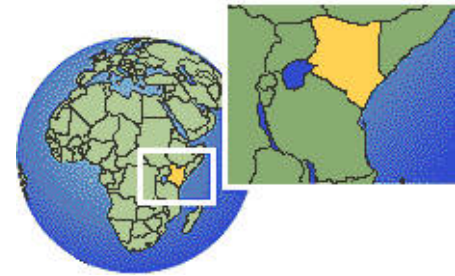


The ABCs of Developing and Implementing an International Surgery Rotation

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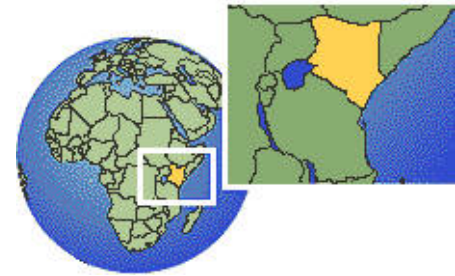




Objectives

- A. Finding a host institution willing to partner and assuring that advantages will accrue to the host as well as the visiting residents
- B. Outlining all the steps required for a Surgery RRC-approved elective rotation from goals and objectives to funding sources
- C. Ascertaining and fulfilling requirements for licensing, insurance (health, emergency evacuation, malpractice), and medical needs such as immunizations and malaria prophylaxis
- D. Preparing the residents to be culturally sensitive

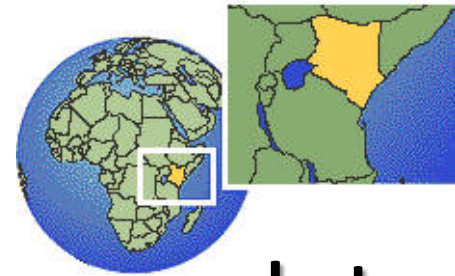




Goal

To demonstrate the complexities as well as benefits of developing and implementing an international elective rotation for surgery residents





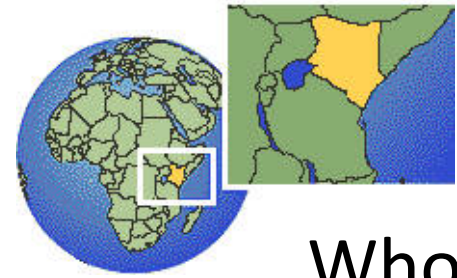
International Rotation Application Process Instructions

Go to ACGME Web site at:

www.acgme.org/acWebsite/RRC_440/440_Surgery_International_Rotation_Application_Process.docx

(See Handout)



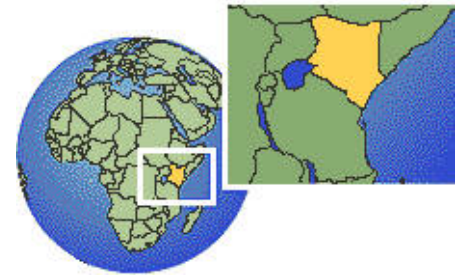


International Rotation Application Process

Who is involved:

- A. Surgery Education Office—PD, PC, Education Officer
- B. Host Hospital Surgery Chief
- C. DIO—Designated Institutional Officer: A letter addressed to the Executive Director of the Surgery RRC co-signed by the Designated Institutional Official addressing the eligibility criteria listed in the handout.

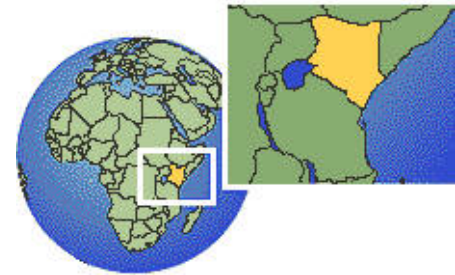




Decisions & Dos

- PGY Level of the resident for whom the rotation is requested
- A statement of the **competency based goals and objectives** of the assignment
- Dates of the rotation
- Verification that the request has been entered in WebAds
- Verification that the rotation is an elective





E. Must have continued accreditation with at least a 4 year cycle

F. Outline the clinical experience, supervision, and support system including accommodation and transportation

G. Arrange funding for all expenses except food

Insure that any medical requirements such as immunizations or malaria meds are arranged and funded

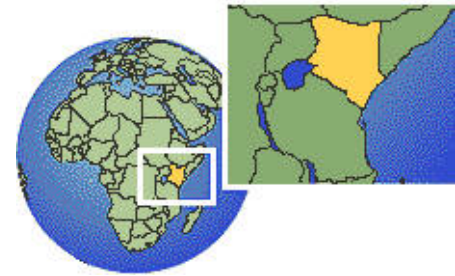
H. A copy of the **Program Letter of Agreement (PLA)**.





- **Verification that salary, travel expenses, health insurance and evacuation insurance is covered by the sponsoring institution**
- A description of the **educational resources including access to a library** with reasonably current resources and/or reliable access to web-based educational materials
- A statement addressing **physical environmental issues** including housing, transportation, communication safety and language
- A copy of the **Program Letter of Agreement (PLA)**.





- A statement that ABMS certified faculty (or qualifications deemed acceptable in advance by the Review Committee) will **supervise** the resident – Two surgeons with ABS certification are faculty
- A statement of the **competency based goals and objectives** of the assignment
- **Educational Rationale** - A statement describing what educational experience the international rotation provides for the resident that the primary institutions or affiliates do not.
- Verification that that there will be an **evaluation of the resident's performance** based on the stated goals and objectives— We use New Innovations

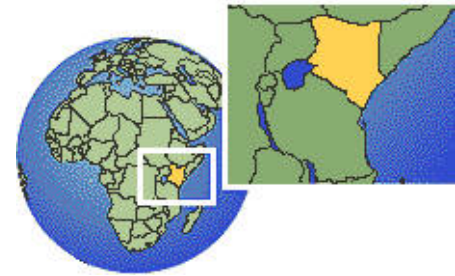


Pitfalls—

Actual and Anticipated

- Unforeseen requirements to practice medicine or surgery (Kenya requires a license but Tennessee allows residents to practice without a license under institutional auspices)
- Loneliness when away from family or close friends
- Resident may cancel participation in the rotation for health or family issues
- State department warnings concerning civil unrest
- Road traffic safety (or lack thereof)
- Unexpected departure of the designated supervising physician for health or family reasons

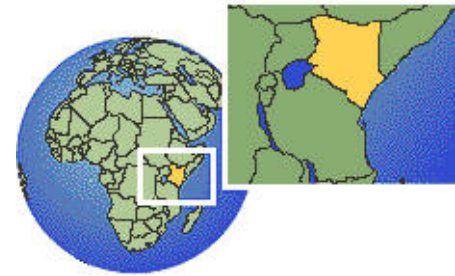




Briefing: Getting Residents Ready to Go

- **Procedures Manual--Vanderbilt International Surgery (VIS) – 28-page guide—see copy**
- **Cultural Sensitivity Crash Course at Supper**
- **Kenyan Medical License (Start Gathering Documents Far in Advance!!)**
- **TN Medical License Requirement**
- **Immunizations & Other Medical Requirements**
- **Evidence of Health Insurance & Emergency Evacuation Coverage (ISOS)**
- **Signed Code of Conduct**
- **Emergency Contact Information**



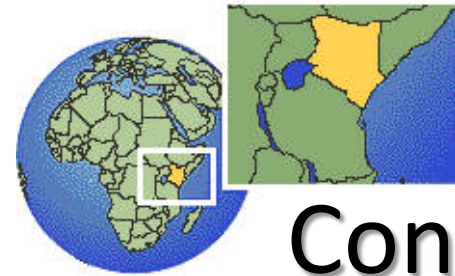


Briefing: Getting Residents Ready to Go

Supplied:

- Kenyan Cell Phone with Vital Mobile Numbers—
Ready to Work on Landing
- Kenyan Internet USB Drive
- Laptop from Surgery Department that Meets US
Gov't Guidelines
- Flashlight and Headlight
- One-way Suitcase for Carrying Supplies (From
Goodwill or Salvation Army)





Debriefing For Continuous Quality Improvement

Questionnaire—see handout

Chat with Liaison

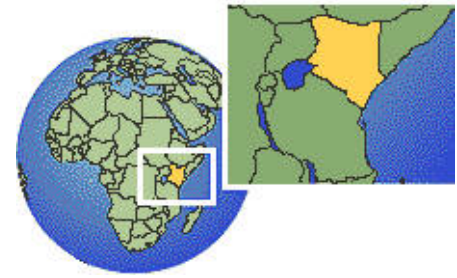
Only negative was being unable to
share experience with family or close friends

Adjustments

- Provided headlight for nighttime hospital visits
- Supplied an electronic urology handbook
- Suggested leisure reading material

Metrics Report for Hope through Healing Hands,
NGO that contributed support





Discussion

