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## Egles in Africa

Dr. Jonathan Egle and Dr. Libby Egle, both recent graduates of the Leadership in Medicine for the Underserved and Vulnerable Program, spent the weeks before their graduation providing medical care to patients in Malawi, Africa. Jonathan describes some of their experiences in a post on their blog "eglesinafrica.blogspot.com:"

*"So, one of the things that has struck me about Malawi is the smells."*

*"The first day at the hospital was the first time I was blown away by a smell. You see, they have an entire room on the male surgical ward dedicated to wounds that won't heal. I can't think of adjectives to adequately describe the experience... pungent? Rancid? Thick? Repulsive? Necrotic? Nauseating? Each word seems to get close to the experience, but not quite describe it fully."*



*"Another smell, which I did not experience personally, but Libby described in excruciating detail, was that of cervical cancer. Apparently there is a gynecology ward where the patients are perhaps the most neglected in the hospital, only getting seen once a week by a doctor. This ward also has an outpatient clinic associated with it. It was there that Libby (and another student, Erin) encountered another striking smell. As soon as the patient walked in the door, Libby and Erin knew something was awry. They tried holding their breath at first to avoid it, but it was inescapable. They couldn't communicate well with the woman, but she handed them her little booklet outlining her medical history (a booklet which all Malawians have for their doctors to fill out... in English). It described a doctor's visit one month prior where she was treated for a sexually transmitted infection - no other disease was mentioned. So, when Libby and Erin did the exam, they were not prepared for what they saw. It was cervical cancer. But it wasn't just some little bump on the cervix that might have grown over the past month. It was a massive white hard tumor that took over her entire pelvis. There was also dead, rotting tissue, producing the terrible smell that permeated the entire ward. Not something that developed over a month. Not something that could have been missed if someone had done an exam at her previous visit."*



Service was not their only experience, however. Excitement arrived in the form of a "hello" from Madonna and taking pictures, in the dark, of a pride of lions which passed about eight feet from their vehicle. For more on their experience check them out at <http://www.eglesinafrica.blogspot.com/>

- Catherine Macomber, MSW  
MSU Curriculum Development Spec.



*"True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost."*

**-Arthur Ashe**

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## Absence from Clerkships...

Just a reminder that if you are absent from your clerkship, you are responsible for notifying the following people:

**Clerkship Coordinator/Secretary  
Preceptor  
Assistant Dean's Office**

Failure to contact the appropriate people is unprofessional behavior and could be reflected in your final clerkship letter. There is an excused absence request form that will need to be filled out. You have all received an electronic copy of the form. You can also contact Bridget Hinds or the appropriate clerkship administrative assistant for the form.

If you need to request time off from a clerkship, you will also need to fill out an excused absence form. This form should be submitted to the appropriate clerkship director or preceptor. All time off must be made up.

Excused or unexcused absences of more than 5 days in an 8 week clerkship or 2.5 days in a 4 week clerkship could result in the failure of the clerkship.

## Away Electives...

Students planning to do away electives must have final approval from the department at Main campus prior to the start of the clerkship. In-system electives are taken either at your home campus or one the other MSU-CHM community campuses and are arranged through your community assistant dean's office. Off campus electives are taken outside of the MSU-CHM system. Off-campus requests must be submitted to the community administrator and be accompanied by a complete an inter campus/off campus request form along with the following items:

1. A copy of the approval letter
2. A description of the elective

This information will then be sent to the appropriate MSU department for final approval. You may not begin an away elective until this process has been completed. All required paperwork must be on file in advance of the clerkship.

## ERAS 2010 Timeline for Allopathic Schools

Date	Activity
June 2009	Schools will begin receiving Dean's Office Workstation kits (DWS) and applicants will have access to their user guide online. Schools may begin generating and distributing tokens to applicants as soon as software is installed.
July 1, 2009	MyERAS Web site opens to residency applicants to begin working on their applications.
August 2009	Residency programs will begin receiving their Program Director's Workstation kits (PDWS).
September 1, 2009	Schools, ECFMG, NBME and NBOME may transmit residency supporting documents. Residency programs may begin contacting the ERAS PostOffice to download application files.
November 1, 2009	MSPEs are released at 12:01 a.m.*
December 2009	Military match results are available.

January 2010	<a href="#">Urology</a> match results are available.
March 2010	<a href="#">NRMP</a> Match results are available, beginning at 1pm. Scramble.
May 31, 2010	ERAS PostOffice will close to prepare for the ERAS 2011 season.
July 1, 2010	Residency training begins.

Senior students are beginning the process of applying for Residency programs. Just a few pointers to assist in making this a smooth and error free process.

1. Please understand that it is not necessary that you have everything in before completing and sending your ERAS application. If you are waiting to figure out who will be writing your letters of recommendation (LOR) that is not necessary. You can go in and enter LOR's and add the names of the letter writers later, so please don't let that hold you up.

2. If you are applying to very competitive programs you need to get your application done as soon as possible. Programs are able to begin viewing your applications on September 1<sup>st</sup>, so you should at least have your application and personal statement done by then. It may also be helpful to have one or two letters of recommendations in by then also. Be sure you find out the correct LOR requirements from each program that you are applying to. **It is your responsibility to follow up with letter writers, and confirm that LOR's reach my office in time to meet program deadlines.**

3. Do not request your transcripts until after October 1. Hopefully, all of your grades from Year III will be posted by then (check online first). I also need a photograph to scan into ERAS for you. If you would like for me to use your hospital ID photo, just let me know.

**ERAS 2010 processing fees. These fees are:**

- 1 – 10 Programs, \$65 (includes initial application fee)**
- 11-20 Programs, \$8 each**
- 21-30 Programs, \$15 each**
- 31 or more Programs, \$25 each**

We suggest that you make a copy of your ERAS application for your records. This information might be useful to you if you choose to apply to a fellowship program after residency.

## NRMP 2010 Timeline

August 15, 2009 – Applicant registration begins at Noon Eastern Time

November 30, 2009 – Applicant registration deadline without paying an additional late fee of \$50

January 15, 2010 – Rank Order List Entry begins

January 31, 2010 – Program Quota Change Deadline

February 24, 2010 – Late Registration deadline. Rank Order Lists closes at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

**March 18, 2010 – Match Day**

## Transcripts...

### Michigan State University Electronic Transcript Information

In addition to the traditional paper sent via U.S. Mail, official transcripts are

now available in an electronic format. The electronic transcript allows recipients to view the transcript on a secure website instead of waiting to receive paper via U.S. Mail.

### The Process

Current and former Students submit a [transcript request](#) and select "electronic" as the delivery format. Students will provide the recipient's name and email address. Recipient mailing address is also required for verification purposes.

Student notifies the recipient that the transcript will be delivered electronically and that the recipient will receive an email with simple directions to view the transcript. The email will always come from [rotran@msu.edu](mailto:rotran@msu.edu). Within 1/2 business day, often less, the Office of the Registrar will process the order.

The recipient will be sent an email with a **secure access code** and a link to a **secure MSU website**.

The web site URL is: <http://www.reg.msu.edu/Transcripts/ETranscript.asp>. Recipients can also access the Electronic Transcript site from the [Office of the Registrar Home Page](#) by clicking on the "Transcripts" link.

Upon secure access code validation, the transcript will be presented in the Portable Document Format (PDF). If needed, download the free [Adobe Reader](#).

### Core Competency Schedule

07/01/09 CAAM #1, John Clements – conf. room 410-Yr. III  
07/8/09 CAAM #2, John Clements, conf. room 410-Yr. III  
07/15/09 Virtuous Physician, Dr. Mary Jo Wagner – conf. room 410-Yr. III & IV  
07/22/09 Acid/Base Disorders, Dr. Suneel Vallabhaneni, conf. room 410.-Yr. III  
07/29/09 CAAM #3, John Clements, Covenant Cooper Lecture Theatre-Yr. III



Please join us in wishing a happy and prosperous birthday to the following CHM Students:

*Angela Pham, MS-III – July 28<sup>th</sup>*  
*Brandee Black, MS-IV – July 18<sup>th</sup>*

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3 MSU Holiday	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Student Meeting 2pm	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	