

Medical and Health Needs Assessment for International Programs

Below are issues to consider for all international programs. Feel free to contact MIT Medical's Travel Clinic (medical.mit.edu/travel-clinic-consultation-request-form, 617-253-4488) to discuss any of the questions.

MIT persons going abroad:

- How many MIT persons will be going abroad? Students, faculty, others? Which countries? Duration of stay? Dates?
- Will pre-travel consultation for immunizations, malaria prophylaxis etc. be needed? (www.cdc.gov/travel) If yes, could a group lecture/talk be arranged?
- Have participants been advised to review information at MIT Medical Travel Clinic site? medical.mit.edu/directory/services/travel_clinic.html
- Are there any particular medical issues that need to be considered for the travel abroad (e.g. travel restrictions, WHO or CDC travel health notices)?
- Have participants been advised about any medical conditions that would preclude entry or prolonged stay (i.e. HIV infection)? hivtravel.org
- Will MIT persons abroad have medical insurance coverage? Through MIT? Through host organization? If host organization insurance does not cover pre-existing conditions (e.g. HIV, hepatitis B) have alternative arrangements for coverage and medication supplies been made?
- For those on MIT Insurance, has a Blue Cross provider been identified? (bcbsglobalcore.com) Alpha prefix is **MTP** for MIT insured.) For those not on MIT insurance, have they checked with their insurance provider prior to travel?
- Have participants been given information about International SOS? (globalsupport.mit.edu/travel-safety-abroad/safety-abroad/international-sos)
- Have participants registered their trip details and emergency contact information in the Institute Registry (travelregistry.mit.edu/) so they can be notified in the event of an emergent situation in the country they are at?

Persons visiting MIT

- How many persons will be visiting at MIT? Students, faculty, others? Which countries? Duration of stay? Dates?
- Will persons visiting MIT have medical insurance coverage? Through MIT? Through home organization? If insurance is through home organization is it comparable to insurance available to MIT students/staff?
- Will persons visiting MIT be able to receive care at MIT Medical? Have other resources for care in Boston been identified?
- Is there a plan for orienting visiting persons to medical services at MIT and in the U.S.?
- Have visiting persons been advised to bring basic medical records (immunizations, medications)?