Second Military (Naval) Medical University, Shanghai, China

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Shanghai, China

- Population: 34 million
- World’s most populous city
- 34 large tertiary care hospitals (2011)
Naval Medical University (Previously SMMU)

- Located in the heart of Shanghai
- Thousands of medical students (some nursing)
- Changhai Hospital (tertiary site) on campus
Daily Routine

- Average Day Schedule
  - 8:00-9:00AM: Meet the physician at their respective department
  - 12:00PM: Lunch (unless surgery)
  - 4:00-6:00PM: Freedom!

- Some variations in schedule depending on the department
Orthopedics

- 1 week rotation
- Mostly OR time
- Small group session with residents and researchers
Neurosurgery

- 1 week rotation
- Split between OR and clinic/rounding
- Catheter lab
Emergency Department

- 1 week
- Split up into specialty-specific sub-departments
- Lots of critical care
- Very high patient volume
Leisure Time

- Military University - there is a curfew
- Weekend trips
What You Learned From the Elective

• Differences in Canadian vs Chinese Healthcare and medical education
• Effect of population on healthcare delivery
• Differences in physician-patient relationship and bedside manner
Challenges

- Language barrier
- Payment (WeChat vs Cash)
- Heat
Highlight: NMU Students
Highlight: Food
Highlight: Other Locations

Korea

Japan
Questions?
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