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Why I chose Budapest?

- Significantly less funded healthcare system
- World-class institution with medical students from over 60 countries
- Interest in travelling around Europe
Elective Experience

Elective: Pediatrics
- 4 weeks long; rotated through specialties including:
  - Gastroenterology/Hepatology
  - Infancy
  - Pediatric Surgery
- Physical exam experience
- Watched a lot of procedures (surgery/scoping)

Dr. Gabor Veres
Elective Experience (cont’d)

What I enjoyed?

• Very hands-on experience
• Flexible arrangement based on interests
• Medical system less reliant on imaging and labs
  • Heavier emphasis on primary physical exam/history
• Worked on non-verbal communication skills and dealing with language barrier
• Extremely knowledgeable staff
Elective Experience (cont’d)

Challenges

• *Language* barrier
• Less organization than anticipated upon arrival
• Lack of specialty related knowledge (i.e. hadn’t done my GI or endo block)
Overall Experience

• Got to explore Eastern Europe
  • Travelled during and after elective (i.e. Poland, Prague, Vienna)
• Explored Budapest, local culture and had a LOT of good food
• Booked an Airbnb walking distance form clinic (< 10 min)
Recommendations

• Try and learn some of language of home country, if possible
• Get in contact with supervisor (not just coordinator) as early as possible
• Plan electives based on interests but also clinical knowledge base
Other (really just a couple more photos)
Questions?

• If you have any more questions, feel free to send me an email, or message over FB:

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