Why did we choose Hungary?

- Wanted to see how medicine is both different and similar in a country with a medical system that is significantly less funded
- Interested in travelling around Eastern Europe
- The people who went there last year had a wonderful time
- Relatively affordable
- “Paris of the East”
- Land of 10s
Andrew’s Elective Experience

Elective: General Internal Medicine
- 4 weeks long
- 2nd Department of Internal Medicine - 120 beds for inpatients
- Spent each week with a different preceptors (GI, ICU, Endo, oncology)
- Started mornings by doing vitals for all the patients in the area I was covering and assessing immediate concerns
- Did a lot of history and physicals - discuss ddx and plan with physicians
- Watched A LOT of scoping

Dr. Hagymasi
What I enjoyed about the elective

- Meeting a lot of medical students studying in the English program at Semmelweis
- Very knowledgeable and friendly staff
- Medical system is significantly less reliant on labs and imaging and more on history and physicals
- I was “forced” to learn a bit of the Hungarian language - fun challenge communicating with patients and nurses
- Got to explore Eastern Europe
Challenges

1) Language

2) A bit unorganized when I arrived

3) Less emphasis on patient integrity - more of treating the disease

4) Did not complete my endocrine or gastroenterology blocks before the elective
Thien’s Elective Experience

Elective: Diagnostic Radiology
- 4 weeks long
- Department of Radiology
- Spent each week with a different imaging modality: X-ray, Ultrasound, CT, and MRI
- Started each morning by attending radiology rounds of highlighted case from the day before
- Talked often with the residents about what we’re seeing, listing differential diagnoses and (treatment)
- Watched A LOT

Dr. Balazs Futasci
What I enjoyed about the elective

- Meeting a lot of knowledgeable and friendly medical residents and nurses
- Learning about basic concepts in radiology
- Got to explore Eastern Europe, learn their languages, and tasting different cuisines
Challenges

1) Language

2) Lack of information and organization

3) “Dark” room: quiet, dark and early in the morning

4) Never took an anatomy course

5) Timing: understaffed and new emergency department opened up
HERE ARE SOME PHOTOS FROM OUR TRIP