Medical Students:
We accept final year students who are able to spend a minimum of 6 weeks at the hospital, but preference is given to students who are able to spend two months or more with us – we have found that longer placements are of more benefit both to the student and the hospital. We like to see clear learning objectives for your placement. A short report describing how these were achieved should be submitted to the Medical Director within 6 weeks of the end of your stay. We also expect to receive a copy of any report you are required to present to your own educational institution and/or funding body.

MMH charges an affiliation fee of MK 100,000 for the entire elective period, payable as soon as you receive confirmation of your placement at MMH. You are also required to register with the Medical Council of Malawi as an overseas student, at a fee of USD 100. We can assist with this registration upon arrival. You will need to bring with you 2 passport photographs, a letter from your medical school and copies of any relevant certificates/qualifications.

We have a guest wing at the College of Nursing where all elective students stay while they are here. The charge for accommodation is MK 30,000 per month for a single room. Wireless internet is available (but slow). There is a kitchen provided, you are responsible for your own cooking and laundry. Food can be bought at local shops and markets. Bed nets are provided but you should bring your own sheets and pillowcase or sleeping bag, malaria prophylaxis and plenty of mosquito repellent. Not that this is an area of high HIV prevalence, and we advise you consider bringing a starter pack of HIV post-exposure prophylaxis in case of needlestick or other injuries. Your own educational institution will provide further advice and guidance.

Mulanje is generally a safe place with low levels of crime. However, we cannot be responsible for any loss or theft of your belongings and you should arrange your own insurance. Uniform is not required for medical students, but you should bring plain white t-shirts/ tops and white trousers/skirts (below the knee length) for the wards.

On arrival, we can organize transport to pick you up from Blantyre. Fuel is expensive in Malawi – the cost of hospital transport from Chileka airport or Blantyre is MK 5,000 each way. If you wish, the driver will stop in Bantyre for you to change money, buy a SIM card and top up vouchers for your phone, and buy food, water, and other necessities for the first week of your stay. Remember that credit/debit cards are accepted in very few places in Malawi, none locally, and you will need to use cash for most purchases. There is a bank in Mulanje, (accepts only Visa) and there are banks and foreign exchange bureaus (offering a better exchange rate) in Blantyre (Visa and Mastercard). Lastly, you will find it helpful to learn a few words in Chichewa, at least basic greetings, before you arrive.

Please address all questions to Director@mmh.mw