

**NYC Dept of Health and Mental Hygiene**  
**New York, NY**  
**Elective Description**

A. Location: New York, NY

B. Length of elective: variable (usually 4 weeks)

C. Goals of Program:

D. Elective director contact info:

E. Coordinator contact info:

Public Health/ Preventive Medicine Residency Program  
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F. Types of daily/weekly activities in which the student is likely to participate:

The NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) invites residents and medical students to participate in an elective in Public Health and Preventive Medicine. The DOHMH is a dynamic environment where medical students and residents can learn how a large local health department tackles urban public health issues. Participants in the elective will receive a broad overview of DOHMH responsibilities and functions and experience first-hand Department activities. The rotation will provide the unique opportunity to work on a project with Department professionals. In the field of communicable disease, projects may focus on surveillance, research, or program administration for control of TB, HIV, STDs or biological weapons; in the area of environmental health, the student/resident may be involved in investigation and abatement of potential environmental and occupational hazards, including animal and insect vectors, lead, or radiation; and in the area of chronic disease, projects may involve community-based approaches to tobacco use prevention and cessation, or the promotion of evidence-based strategies for cancer or cardiovascular disease control.

G. Populations with whom the student is likely to work:

H. Diseases and issues with which the student is likely to gain familiarity.

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