

Health Self-Assessment for International Travel

It is important that you are prepared for international travel and have carefully considered any existing health conditions in consultation with your medical providers. Pre-existing health conditions may be exacerbated by changes in elevation, diet, social life, jet lag, time changes, air quality, climate, living arrangements, etc.

This guide serves as a tool for you to consider your medical history and make plans to address your needs while abroad. You may want to take notes on and use this guide to facilitate a discussion with your physician. It is also wise to discuss your health with traveling companions or those familiar with your upcoming travel so they can assist more readily in times of need.

1	Do you have any disabilities for which you will need accommodations abroad?	Yes	No
	If yes, consider the information found <u>here</u> (Cornell site) and <u>here</u> (State Dept. site) or		
	contact <u>intlsafety@cornell.edu</u> to discuss options.		
2	Do you have any serious food, drug, animal or other allergies?	Yes	No
	If yes, are your symptoms life-threatening?	Yes	No
	If you answered yes to either question, consult with your physician to determine what		
	precautionary steps you should take to address your condition. Consider wearing a medical		
	alert bracelet or necklace with details of your conditions. Contact intlsafety@cornell.edu if		
	you'd like to discuss implications of living with this condition in your host country.		
3	Are you on a medically restricted diet?	Yes	No
	If yes, it is advisable that you speak to your physician, your program leader/advisor, and any in-country hosts arranging meals. You may also contact intlsafety@cornell.edu to discuss		
	options.		
4	Do you plan to take prescription medications while abroad?	Yes	No
	If yes, note that not all medications prescribed in the U.S. are legal or available in other		
	countries. Alternate medications may need to be considered by you and your physician.		
	<u>Cornell Health's Travel Clinic</u> is a great resource to discuss your options and expectations.		
5	Have you been treated in the last five years, or are you currently being treated for any of the following conditions?	Yes	No
	 General: Alcohol/Substance Abuse, Eating Disorder, Immunodeficiency, Severe Migraine, Seizure Disorder 		
	Respiratory: Asthma, Tuberculosis		
	Gastrointestinal: Crohn's Disease, Ulcerative Colitis		
	Infectious Diseases: HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis		
	Endocrine: Diabetes		
	 Mental Health: Anxiety Disorder, Bipolar Disorder, Depression, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder 		
	Other chronic physical or mental health condition(s)		



	If yes, please consult your physician to discuss your condition and consider a continuation of care plan.		
6	If you are traveling to a non-English-speaking country, and you have a medical condition, do you know how to describe your condition in the local language?	Yes	No
	If not, consider taking with you a written description of your condition in the local language to present, if needed while abroad. If you need assistance in finding a translator prior to departure, contact intlsafety@cornell.edu . Also note that when calling United Healthcare Global for a medical referral you can request an English-speaking physician if available.		
7	Are any immunizations required or recommended by the CDC Traveler's Health Website for travel to your destination country? https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list If yes, consult with your physician or make an appointment at the Cornell Health's Travel	Yes	No
	<u>Clinic</u> .		

Additional issues to discuss with your physician(s):

- Advisability of traveling outside of the U.S. given your overall health and/or medical condition(s).
- The specific destination(s) and activities planned throughout your travel.
- How potentially dramatic changes in elevation, diet, social life, jet lag, time changes, air quality, climate, living arrangements, etc. may affect you abroad.
- Arrangements you should discuss with in-country hosts, program leaders, fellow travelers, advisors, and International Health and Safety prior to departure.