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Country visited	South Africa
City or town	Manguzi
Hospital/unit/clinic	Manguzi Hospital
Dates visited	9 th March 2019 – 20 th April 2019
Supervising doctor	Dr Philip Vanleene

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your host:**

words max)	anything that walks through the door. It is also hard to travel about without renting a car – we decided when I arrived to rent one between all the students and couldn't really have done without it in terms of travelling around the surrounding area.
What accommodation was provided?	You live on the hospital site in a 'roundavel', which you share with the other elective students (4 maximum). It is all one room and pretty cosy and basic but is also very reasonably priced, and has all the basics like a kitchenette and a braai! The cleaner Theresa is also brilliant at helping to teach you Zulu. Don't expect luxury but if you all get on it's really fun.
Would you recommend this to someone else? (explain if necessary)	Yes I would – I felt it gave a perfect balance of allowing you to experience new pathologies and get very hands on without ever making you do something you were uncomfortable with and with great supervision. The social atmosphere of the hospital was also amazing making it an easy place to go on elective alone, and the location for travelling was ideal.
Are you more likely to choose a career in plastic surgery as a result of this experience?	Honestly, probably not – the huge range of specialities I got to experience, many all within one day, made me realise I like the idea of being more generalist and perhaps more inclined to go into general or emergency medicine.