

Student

Student Elective Report

What were the best things about the visit? (120 words max)	The variety of work was great, and the management of chronic-ulcers was exciting, as patients finally saw ulcers that had been present for years, heal. Being a mission hospital meant staff genuinely cared about patient wellbeing and weren't just trying to make money. They naturally invested in patient's lives, not just their treatment. This holistic approach was particularly beneficial in tackling the leprosy-associated stigma. It was also rewarding to know that patients were being enabled access to healthcare, not otherwise be possible, without the funding of the hospital. The best thing however, was seeing lives literally transformed. From being segregated from family and community, burdened with the anxiety of having a potentially debilitating and deforming disease, to being empowered to live normal lives.
What problems did you encounter? (120 words max)	The language barrier was at times difficult, as I spoke limited Nepali and didn't have an official translator with me. However, most staff spoke very good English and would translate for me if needed. This was perfect when on the wards and time wasn't too pressured, but busy clinics were often difficult to follow because of this. Problems with confidentiality also arose, as it was difficult to get a

