

## Elective in Obstetrics & Gynaecology in Cape Town

Thank you for showing an interest in spending time with us here in magnificent Cape Town! There are three obstetrics/ gynaecology teaching hospitals affiliated to the University of Cape Town. They all offer excellent learning experiences.

### 1. Groote Schuur Hospital



Groote Schuur Hospital is the main academic hospital attached to the University of Cape Town Faculty of Health Sciences. It is the tertiary care (specialist) hospital. It has a high-risk Obstetrics centre, as well as three Gynaecology units: Oncology, Urogynaecology and Reproductive Medicine (Fertility) units. Groote Schuur can only accommodate foreign electives during the student vacations, because we have such high student numbers during term time. In 2019 these are 24 June-7 July and 2 December-31 January. If you want to do an elective during these times, you will need to email the following:

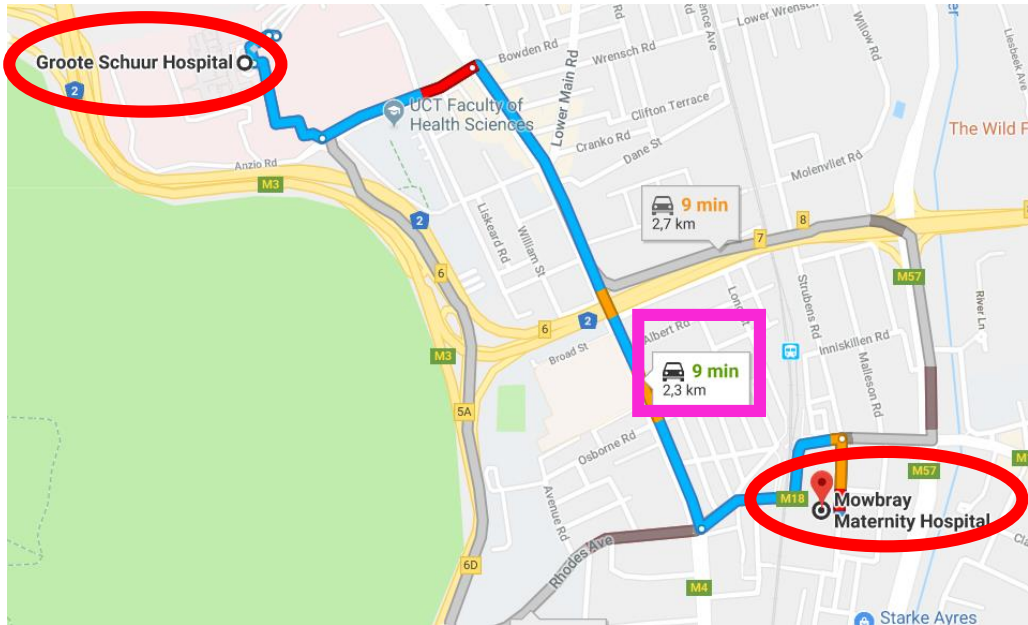
1. [elective.healthsciences@uct.ac.za](mailto:elective.healthsciences@uct.ac.za) The Electives Office is attached to the hosting University and is responsible for fees and all the paperwork that will allow you to work with patients. They will also advise whether there is a space for you in Obstetrics & Gynaecology (we have quite a long waiting list).
2. [c.gordon@uct.ac.za](mailto:c.gordon@uct.ac.za) Dr Gordon is the Head of all the Undergraduate Obstetrics and Gynaecology courses and will be responsible for placing you in a unit once we have clearance from the Electives Office.

## 2. Mowbray Maternity Hospital



Mowbray Maternity Hospital is an obstetrics only hospital which offers excellent exposure to secondary level obstetric care, including Caesarian sections. This is a very popular facility which is just over 2km from Groote Schuur (see map below). Many of the elective student accommodations are within walking distance to this hospital. If you would like to attend from 24 June-7 July or 2 December-31 January, you will need to email:

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- b. [c.gordon@uct.ac.za](mailto:c.gordon@uct.ac.za) Dr Gordon is the Head of all the Undergraduate Obstetrics and Gynaecology courses and will be responsible for referring you to the head of Mowbray Maternity Hospital once we have clearance from the Electives Office.



Distance between Groote Schuur and Mowbray

### 3. New Somerset Hospital



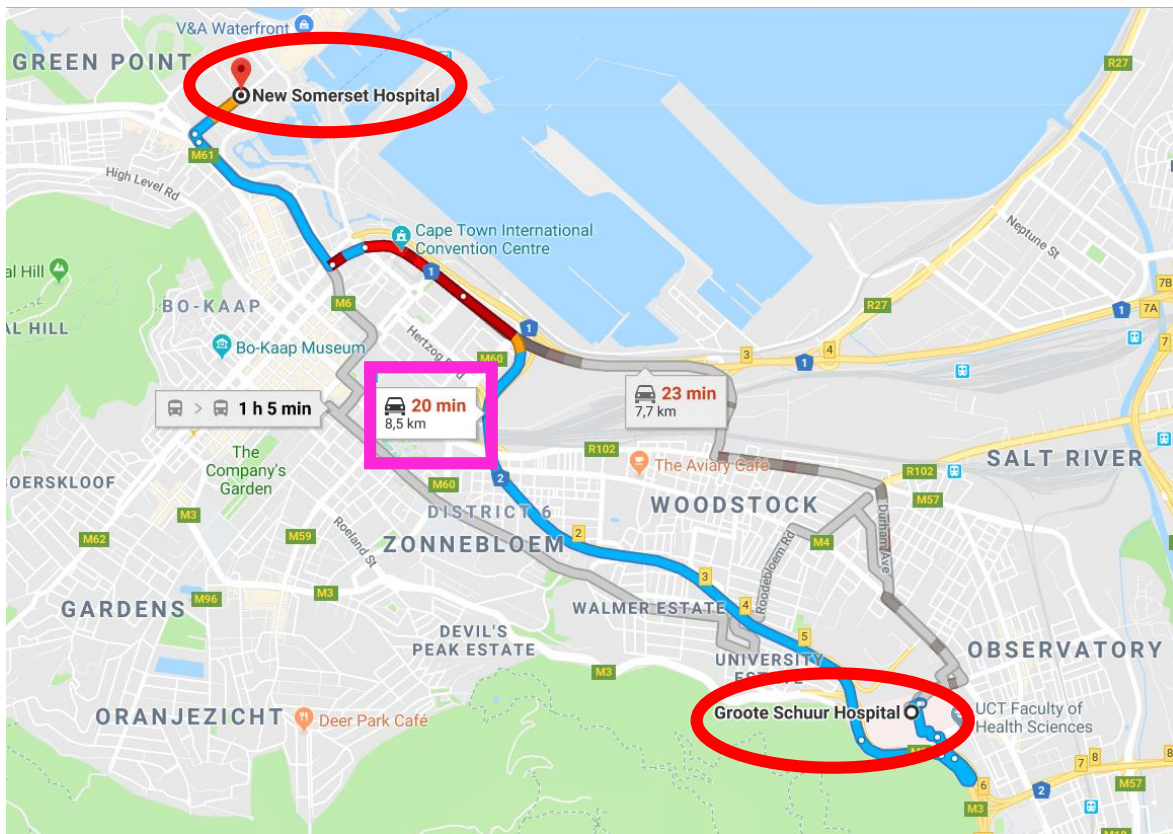
New Somerset Hospital is a Multi-disciplinary regional hospital in the City of Cape Town, South Africa. New Somerset Hospital is situated in the City Centre and has a large drainage area for referral of patients with indications for specialist services. The Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology has a staff component of 5 consultants, 6 registrars, 6 medical officers and 6 interns. The department is further supported by administrative and nursing components. Elective students are exposed to a clinical service according to areas of need as expressed in documentation received from the referring university. The hosting university is The University of Cape Town, Faculty of Health Sciences. The obstetric unit focuses around the labour and hand delivery suite. There are approximately 7000 deliveries per annum. The unit has an active dedicated PMTCT programme, a dedicated ultrasound unit, a large high risk antenatal clinic, an antenatal ward and high care area and a large geographical footprint to which outreach services are delivered. The gynaecology department comprises an inpatient service and operating theatre component that has 5 operating lists per week (half day list), an outpatient service that is of hysteroscopy, colposcopy, family planning and a dedicated implant removal clinic. All elective students are assigned a consultant to supervise the elective attachment as well as any specific outcomes that are listed in the agreement with the student. Depending on the year of study, the elective students are engaged in the clinical teaching programme of the UCT students. The students are encouraged to take part in the clinic activities including ward rounds, and on call duties, where they gain tremendous experience and can participate in the full clinical programme.

This hospital is one of the most popular rotations on the UCT circuit, and is across the road from the world-famous Victoria & Alfred Waterfront. Somerset hospital is able to accommodate elective students throughout the year. If you would like to attend this hospital, you will need to email:

- a. Susan Rodrigues, [rsusan@xsinet.co.za](mailto:rsusan@xsinet.co.za) . Susan is in charge of Somerset Electives.
- b. [elective.healthsciences@uct.ac.za](mailto:elective.healthsciences@uct.ac.za) The Electives Office is attached to the hosting University and is responsible for fees and all the paperwork that will allow you to work with patients.



*The V & A Waterfront*



*Distance between Groote Schuur and New Somerset*