**Coordinating Organization:** International Society of Travel Medicine’s (ISTM) Student Travel Abroad Interest Group

**Rationale:** There is a lack of research on pre-travel care for students who participate in study abroad programs and on the specific health-related events encountered by this group while abroad.

**Purpose:** Gain knowledge and insight on health-related preparations by universities with undergraduate student study abroad programs and student health centers, and health-related events experienced by undergraduate students while studying abroad. This knowledge will be used to inform university study abroad programs, undergraduate student travelers, clinicians, public health officials, and other stakeholders.

**Study populations:**
1. Undergraduate study abroad university program staff (both public and private)
2. The student health center staff at the university, if applicable
3. University undergraduate students returning from studying abroad

**Study objectives:**
1. Explore the current practices of undergraduate university study abroad programs regarding health-related aspects of international study abroad and identify gaps in health preparation and knowledge at the university-level.
2. Understand the current practices of university student health centers regarding services provided to students preparing to study abroad.
3. Describe the health-related events among university undergraduate students studying abroad.
4. Develop communication plans and action items to assist with the prevention travel-related health incidents at both the university and individual levels.

**Procedures:**
- University study abroad program staff will complete an anonymous web-based questionnaire on current health-related preparation practices regarding university undergraduate students studying abroad from their campuses.
- The student health center at the university (if available), will complete an anonymous web-based questionnaire describing services provided to undergraduate students preparing to study abroad.
- University undergraduate students enrolled in study abroad programs at the participating universities will be asked to complete an anonymous web-based questionnaire after their return from abroad, asking specific questions about health-related events during travel. Undergraduate student travelers must 18 years of age or older, traveled internationally through a university-sanctioned study abroad program, and be willing and eligible to participate.

**Requirements for participation:**
1. Your college or university must have a study abroad program that sends at least one student abroad annually.
2. Study abroad university programs must be willing to engage with ISTM throughout the study, and complete and distribute anonymous, web-based questionnaires to their office, the student health office, and students.
3. Assist in obtaining IRB approval of the proposed study at your college or university.