

## Sarah Johnson – Elective Week 5.

Hello!

This week has seen the conclusion of my elective placement and I have been consulting independently in preoperative clinics. This is something I've never done before and was a real chance to assess patients myself and help to decide whether they are fit for surgery. Compared to the UK, this is much less of a 'box-ticking exercise'. I was expected to carry out a full clerking and examination of patients– something which will no doubt be of great help to me when I start work as a foundation doctor in August!

I also spent more time in A&E assessing patients who required surgery, and followed them through their case. There must have been something in the air last weekend– Monday saw four ankle repairs (I've only seen one in the rest of my placement!), all due to extreme sports... very Australian!

My sister also arrived this week in preparation for our travels up the east coast which will start next week.

Last weekend, I visited Sydney again and did some typical touristy things, like visiting the opera house, Olympic Park and Cockatoo Island.

All the best,  
Sarah

