

# Development of a Global Health Milestones Tool for Learners in Emergency Medicine: A Pilot Project

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## ABSTRACT

**Objectives:** In medical education and training, increasing numbers of institutions and learners are participating in global health experiences. Within the context of competency-based education and assessment methodologies, a standardized assessment tool may prove valuable to all of the aforementioned stakeholders. Milestones are now used as the standard for trainee assessment in graduate medical education. Thus, the development of a similar, milestone-based tool was undertaken, with learners in emergency medicine (EM) and global health in mind.

**Methods:** The Global Emergency Medicine Think Tank Education Working Group convened at the 2016 Society for Academic Medicine Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana. Using the Interprofessional Global Health Competencies published by the Consortium of Universities for Global Health's Education Committee as a foundation, the working group developed individual milestones based on the 11 stated domains. An iterative review process was implemented by teams focused on each domain to develop a final product.

**Results:** Milestones were developed in each of the 11 domains, with five competency levels for each domain. Specific learning resources were identified for each competency level and assessment methodologies were aligned with the milestones framework. The Global Health Milestones Tool for learners in EM is designed for continuous usage by learners and mentors across a career.

**Conclusions:** This Global Health Milestones Tool for learners in EM may prove valuable to numerous stakeholders. The next steps include a formalized pilot program for testing the tool's validity and usability across training programs, as well as an assessment of perceived utility and applicability by collaborating colleagues working in training sites abroad.

Increasing numbers of academic institutions and learners are participating in global health experiences.<sup>1,2</sup> These experiences are undertaken by undergraduates, medical students, residents, and fellows across all medical specialties. In emergency medicine (EM), 91% of residency programs offer global health rotations.<sup>3</sup> In recent years, rapid expansion in both

size and scope of global health programs has created challenges in many areas, including that of curriculum development. Authors have previously described the lack of standardization of curricula and competencies for learners in global health.<sup>4,5</sup> Numerous efforts have been undertaken to develop curricular frameworks and identify competencies in global health.<sup>6,7</sup> Prior

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consensus work has called for improved curricula and assessment methodologies for learners, specifically in the field of EM.<sup>8–10</sup>

Meanwhile, there is a movement in medical education toward competency-based education, with an outcomes-oriented focus.<sup>11,12</sup> Since 2015, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) has adopted ACGME Milestones as a standard competency-based tool for assessment across all specialties.<sup>13</sup> These milestones are conceptually based on the progressive nature of learning and performance, illustrating the transition from student to independent practitioner consistent with the Dreyfus model of skill acquisition.<sup>14</sup> Ideally, a similar model may be applied to learners in EM participating in global health experiences.

There is marked variability in the structure of global health experiences, ranging from clinical experiences to educational or research-focused programs to public health programs in tremendously diverse settings around the globe. Participants in these experiences are also diverse in their baseline level of experience. All of these factors add significant complexity to the curriculum development and assessment process. However, we propose that all learners in EM who are participating in global health experiences should acquire a fund of knowledge, ranging from basic to advanced, which is standardized and measurable. Building on the milestones framework, the scope of learning may progress as learners continue to engage in global health experiences over time. Acknowledging the challenging nature of competency assessment in global settings, strategies include increased focus on self-directed assessment and obtaining input from multiple stakeholders as foundational principles.<sup>15</sup> Furthermore, we suggest that a standardized assessment tool will provide cohesion across experiences.

## METHODS

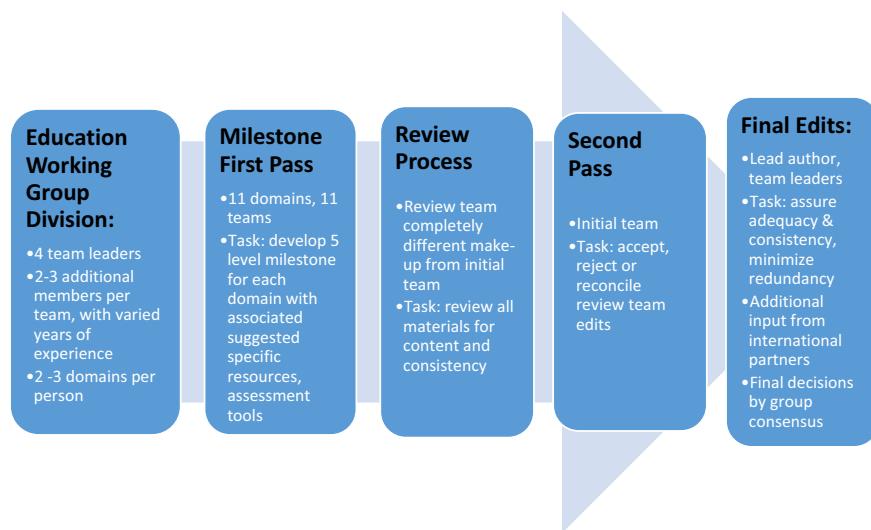
On May 10, 2016, a Global Emergency Medicine Think Tank was held in conjunction with the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM) annual meeting to assess progress made in goals set during the 2013 consensus conference and to identify next steps for moving forward. The Education Working Group (EWG) was formed as a subgroup to focus on education specific issues identified in the 2013 SAEM consensus conference. The 19 members of the EWG include residents, fellows, and junior and senior faculty members

from 13 U.S.-based universities, representing a breadth of global health experience. All EWG members are currently active global health practitioners. Numerous issues were identified as priorities, including standardization of global health curriculum and methods of assessment. As a concrete effort to move forward, the EWG set out to develop “milestones” for global health experiences for learners in EM.

In 2015, the Consortium of Universities for Global Health’s (CUGH) Subcommittee on Global Health Competency published a set of interprofessional global health competencies.<sup>6</sup> The EWG used these competencies as a basis for milestone development as they cover the core/accepted domains of global health assessment. Given the variability of clinical exposure in global health experiences, focus was maintained on knowledge and professionalism issues (in line with the CUGH approach). The EWG divided into teams of three to four persons per domain to develop milestones, which consisted of five progressive levels per domain, with associated specific suggested resources for learning and assessment methods for each level. Specific suggested resources and assessment methods were identified by team members based on prior experience. A separate team subsequently reviewed each domain for content and consistency. A final comprehensive review was conducted to assure consistency and minimize redundancy across the domain, and final editing decisions were made by group consensus (see Figure 1). Additional feedback was sought from international partners regarding the content and format of the milestones.

## RESULTS

Milestones were developed for each of the CUGH domains (Table 1), based on progressive levels of learners from novice to expert. The complete milestones for each domain are listed in Table 2. While it is assumed that most learners will never achieve Level 5 in some or perhaps any of the domains, ideally individuals participating in global health experiences at a basic level will achieve the introductory levels in most domains. Specific suggested resources for learning were also identified for each of the milestone levels (see Table 3; also Data Supplement S1, available as supporting information in the online version of this paper, which is available at <https://doi.org/online.library.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/aet2.10046/full>). The assessment methods were aligned with each milestone as well, but then condensed into general guidelines



**Figure 1.** Process for milestone development and review.

given that we found generally applicability throughout (Table 4).

## LIMITATIONS

The Global Health Milestones Tool was developed by a working group of EM practitioners based in the United States. While representing a variety of levels of training and a breadth of experience, and while we did receive feedback from international partners, this is still a significant limitation. We acknowledge this limitation and intend to more actively engage international partners in the pilot phase of the project. Furthermore, the EWG and subsequently the tool that has been developed is specialty specific in EM. This was a deliberate decision made in the context of the Think Tank and acknowledging the significant number of fellowship programs in EM and global health around the world, but nonetheless is a limitation of this work.

**Table 1**  
Consortium of Universities for Global Health Domains

Domain 1	Global burden of disease
Domain 2	Globalization of health and health care
Domain 3	Social and environmental determinants of health
Domain 4	Capacity strengthening
Domain 5	Collaboration, partnering, and communication
Domain 6	Ethics
Domain 7	Professional practice
Domain 8	Health equity and social justice
Domain 9	Program management
Domain 10	Sociocultural and political awareness
Domain 11	Strategic analysis

## CONCLUSIONS AND NEXT STEPS

The Global Health Milestones Tool presented here may provide a useful instrument for learners and teachers in emergency medicine. Ideally, this progressive approach to learning and assessment can provide guidance for the most basic exploration of global health experiences in emergency medicine as well as more advanced practitioners. It may serve as a longitudinal assessment tool that can be utilized for learners from medical school, through residency and fellowship and into professional practice.

The next step for the Education Working Group will be to distribute and pilot this tool and assess for both validity and functionality. Any educational tool is only as good as it is usable; thus, we have aimed for our tool to be accessible and to appeal to a broad spectrum of stakeholders including learners and teachers, both domestically and abroad. This tool is designed to be used in conjunction with mentorship and other assessment tools. For example, if a resident will be participating in a clinical global health elective, one strategy could be to use this set of milestones together with specific relevant emergency medicine milestones. Then, the learner, mentor, and in-country supervisor would each complete some piece of the combined milestones, providing opportunity for both external assessment and self-assessment. Together this may provide a more comprehensive, holistic understanding of the learners' knowledge and skills in both clinical areas and global health.

While this tool has been designed with learners in EM in mind, most of the elements are not specialty

**Table 2**  
Complete milestones for each domain

Domain 1: Global Burden of Disease		Focuses on understanding how globalization affects health, health systems, and the delivery of health care.					
Encompasses basic understandings of major causes of morbidity and mortality and their variations between high-, middle- and low-income regions, and with public health efforts to reduce health disparities globally.							
Has not achieved	Level 1	Describes the major causes of morbidity and mortality globally. Understands how the risk of disease varies with geographic location. Describes major trends in current disease prevalence.	Describes the concept of epidemiological transition and its consequences. Understands historical context of health disparities and burden of disease. Describes major current and historical public health efforts to reduce disparities in global public health.	Validates the health status of populations using available data. Understands the context in which population health data is collected. Analytically reviews epidemiologic research.	Assesses population health data collection systems. Implements data collection systems. Participates in or contributes to population health research.	Designs and implements systems for data collection in a sustainable and scalable manner. Leads interpretation and synthesis of data from various sources. Utilizes source data to produce summary documents and policy recommendations.	
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Has not achieved	Level 1	Understands different national models/systems for health care delivery.	Describes how different health care systems impact health care outcomes and expenditures. Describes how global political and cultural events, commerce, and trade contribute to the spread of communicable and chronic diseases.	Observes how different health care systems impact health care outcomes and expenditures. Observes how global political and cultural events, commerce, and trade contribute to the spread of communicable and chronic diseases.	Participates in multinational agreements (e.g., international assistance programs) and multinational organizations to contribute to the quality and availability of health and health care internationally.	Leads multi-national agreements or multinational organizations to improve the quality of international health and health care.	
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Domain 3: Social and Environmental Determinants of Health									
Focuses on an understanding that social, economic, and environmental factors are important determinants of health, and that health is more than the absence of disease									
Has not achieved	Level 5								
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5				
Has not achieved	Level 1	Demonstrates curiosity about cultural systems within communities and recognize how culture interacts with environment, economy, and politics to directly affect health. Demonstrates basic understanding of major social and cultural determinants of health and their effects on access to and quality of emergency care and other health services.	Demonstrates how cultural context influences perceptions of health and disease (e.g., cultural beliefs about basis of and remedies for disease, etc.). Recognizes how bias impacts the way patients think about health and disease. Demonstrates understanding of the major causes of morbidity and mortality between and within countries and identifies contributing social and environmental factors.	Synthesizes available data to identify social, economic, and environmental determinants of health.	Develops independent research to identify novel environmental, cultural, or societal determinants of health or further characterize known determinants.	Contributes to culturally relevant programs or interventions to specifically address social and environmental factors affecting the health of global communities.	Develops, advocates for, and implements policy recommendations or public health interventions to reduce morbidity and mortality associated with social and environmental factors impacting the health and well-being of global communities. Creates and disseminates curricula to teach trainees about social and environmental determinants of health		
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Domain 4: Capacity Strengthening									
Capacity strengthening is sharing knowledge, skills, and resources for enhancing global public health programs, infrastructure, and workforce to address current and future global public health needs.									
Has not achieved	Level 5								
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Has not achieved	Level 1	Understands host/partner organization's mission and can articulate it. Can define the meaning and importance of public health programs, infrastructure, and workforce. Defines the role and importance of community assets and resources that can be used to improve the health of individuals and populations. Demonstrates an understanding of the concepts of sustainability as it relates to capacity strengthening.	Participates in host/partner organization's program and can articulate capacity at the level they are working (community-based, district, region, or national). Understands and communicates the status of community capabilities and current health assets and disparities within the community. Participates in activities that facilitate the host/partner organization to utilize the community assets to benefit the population.	Participates in host/partner organization's program and can identify strengths and deficiencies within the capacity at the level they are working. Identifies features that will make programs sustainable within their community and participate in activities that facilitate program sustainability. With partners, defines and applies strategies that can be used to strengthen community capabilities, reduce health disparities, and improve community health.	Works with stakeholders to plan and implement assessments for operational capacity at the level they are working (community-based, district, region, or national). Works with stakeholders to evaluate the impact of capacity development programs. Works with stakeholders to plan and assess impacts of activities that facilitate program sustainability.	Coordinates with leadership of host/partner organization(s) to set up and evaluate collaborative programs/projects to grow operational capacity. Works with collaborating stakeholders to strategize and create an implementation plan and subsequent evaluation for activities that scale programs to broader implementation. Formalized policy change to include regional/national policies or laws that solidify the program implemented.			
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Domain 5: Collaboration, Partnering and Communication Collaborating and partnering is the ability to select, recruit, and work with a diverse range of global health stakeholders to advance research, policy, and practice goals, and to foster open dialogue and effective communication with partners and within a team.									
Has not achieved	Level 1								
	Level 2		Level 3		Level 4		Level 5		
	Identifies fundamental principles of communication which will enable effective collaboration and partnership in complex global health environments.	Communicates with all members of the team in respectful & culturally appropriate manner.	Participates in observational experiences with focus on partnership and relationship building.	Recognizes how own personal beliefs and values affect interactions and manages them appropriately.	Demonstrates an understanding of the importance of compassion, integrity, respect, sensitivity, and responsiveness, and exhibits these attitudes consistently in common/uncomplicated situations.	Develops working relationships. Recognizes how own personal beliefs and values affect interactions and manages them appropriately.	Participates in and contributes to advancing a long-term collaborative project.	Leads teams/projects at site level, participate in national/international collaborative partnership.	Collaborates with regional, national, and international partners to assess and develop plans to address locally identified priorities in global health and emergency medical care (National guidelines, national training/staffing plans, etc.).
	Recognizes importance of locally driven problem solving, collaborative decision making, and fundamentals of partnership.	Understands basics of participating in and/or establishing a collaborative project.	Describes flexible, caring, and adaptive methods of communication, that embody cultural humility. Describes behavior that conveys caring, honest and genuine interest when interacting with diverse populations.	Develops basic language skills (if applicable).	Describes basic to intermediate language skills (if applicable).	Teaches basic concepts of communication and partnering.	Advances a long term collaborative project and begins to develop ideas for future projects and/or participates in a leadership position.	Teaches intermediate concepts in communication and partnering.	Teaches others the importance of compassion, integrity, respect, sensitivity, and responsiveness and how to exhibit these attitudes consistently in complicated situations.
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Domain 6: Ethics Encompasses the application of basic principles of ethics to global health issues and settings.									
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	Demonstrates an awareness of local, national, and international codes of ethics relevant to emergency care.	Acts in accordance with the basic principles of medical ethics when participating in global health experiences.	Thinks critically about ethical and professional issues that arise in responding to humanitarian emergencies.	Promotes and advocates for integrity, accountability, and transparency in the field of global emergency medicine.	Performs research and authors scholarly publications on global health ethics.				
	Develops an understanding of basic principles of medical ethics (autonomy, beneficence, justice, non-maleficence).	Demonstrates an ability to resolve common ethical issues and challenges that arise when working within global health experiences, with vulnerable populations, and/or in low-resource settings.	Understands and synthesizes the fundamental principles of international standards for the protection of humans in a diverse cultural setting.	Applies the fundamental principles of international standards for the protection of humans in diverse cultural settings.	Guides and mentors students, residents, and fellows in understanding and overcoming ethical challenges that arise during global health experiences.				
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**Domain 9: Program Management**  
Program management is the ability to design, implement, and evaluate global health programs to maximize contributions to effective policy, enhanced practice, and improved and sustainable health outcomes.

Has not achieved	Level 1	Defines the elements of program management: ability to design, implement, and evaluate global health programs to maximize contributions to effective policy, enhanced practice, and improved and sustainable health outcomes.				
	Level 2	Describes features of effective programs and the characteristics that lead to efficacy in policy, practice and health outcomes. Describes some pitfalls of ineffective programs.	Identifies and describes specific design elements, implementation tools, program components and their applicability to a specific program or system.	Creates and implements an evaluation tool to measure program outcomes.	Designs a global health program management intervention. Implements a global health program management intervention.	Participates in, contributes to, and/or leads interpretation/synthesis of data for the production of summary documents and policy recommendations.
	Level 3		Describes and demonstrates examples of evaluation tools/ methods used in program management.		Offers modifications and implements changes as a result of measured outcomes/analysis.	Collaborates in the development, implementation and evaluation of multinational policy and program management.
	Level 4		Designs pilot systems with appropriate assistance and mentorship.			Participates in multi-institutional/ national committees or programs for educational advancement of program management.
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Domain 10: Sociocultural and Political Awareness  
Sociocultural and political awareness is the conceptual basis with which to work effectively within diverse cultural settings and across local, regional, national, and international political

landscapes.	Has not achieved	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
		Demonstrates understanding of general concepts, cultural proficiency, aptitude and competency.	Identifies pertinent sociocultural and political relationships in reference to a specific site/ community (demographics, history, current political climate, cultural norms, etc.).	Critically analyzes a program or intervention for potential sociocultural or political conflicts.	Teaches basic sociocultural and political awareness concepts and relationships to junior learners.	Creates or strengthens multidisciplinary partnerships across organizations, including those outside the health sector.
		Identifies key international organizations and their general roles and relationships (UNHCR, UNICEF, WHO, USAID, Ministry of Health, etc.).	Adopts tools to mitigate cultural barriers. Recognizes own biases.	Understands relationship between regional, national and international political structures.	Develops curricula to help others understand and work successfully in cross-cultural landscapes.	Participates in direction of local, national, regional or international policy.
		Defines culture and identifies own cultural characteristics.	Performs self-assessment of one's own potential biases.	Critically analyzes a program or intervention for potential sociocultural or political conflicts.	Participates in direction of local, national, regional or international policy.	
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In new cultural context.  
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situation and individuals  
and/or groups that contribute  
to local organizational structure.

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Domain 11: Strategic Analysis		Strategic analysis is the ability to use systems thinking to analyze a diverse range of complex and interrelated factors shaping health trends to formulate programs at the local, national, and international levels.				
Has not achieved	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	
	<p>Identifies how demographic and other major factors can influence patterns of morbidity, mortality, and disability in a defined population.</p> <p>Demonstrates ability to conduct a literature search, and identify morbidity and mortality factors.</p> <p>Identifies key partners and stakeholders and their role.</p>	<p>Demonstrates the ability to apply a planning framework to a disease issue or situation.</p>	<p>Demonstrates the ability to conduct a community health needs assessment. Steps include determination of an appropriate methodology for assessment, as well as creation and/or validation of survey tools for assessment.</p>	<p>Conducts a situation analysis across a range of cultural, economic and health contexts.</p> <p>Integrates priority setting, and demonstrate the ability to apply findings to a larger framework.</p>	<p>Designs and implements context specific health interventions based on situational analysis.</p> <p>Develops appropriate accompanying evaluation tools, and effective means for both piloting and roll-out of intervention.</p>	

specific. The tool could be easily adaptable to learners in primary and acute care settings, especially because EM and acute care are integrally related and often overlapping on the continuum of care. It may be minimally modified for application to another specialty or application in any resource-limited setting.

The Global Health Milestones Tool provides a framework for learners in emergency medicine to attain the knowledge necessary for global health work and mentors to work toward more effective assessment. Future research will elucidate how it can be optimally put into practice.

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**Table 3**

Sample-specific Suggested Resources for Learning

Domain 1: Global Burden of Disease	
Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Health Organization. Global Burden of Disease Data. Available at: <a href="http://www.who.int/topics/global_burden_of_disease/en/">http://www.who.int/topics/global_burden_of_disease/en/</a></li> <li>The Lancet. Global Burden of Disease Series. Available at: <a href="http://www.thelancet.com/global-burden-of-disease">http://www.thelancet.com/global-burden-of-disease</a>.</li> <li>NEJM: Measuring the Global Burden of Disease. Available at: <a href="http://www.ph.ucla.edu/epi/faculty/detels/PH150/GlobBurdDis_NEJM_2013.pdf">http://www.ph.ucla.edu/epi/faculty/detels/PH150/GlobBurdDis_NEJM_2013.pdf</a>.</li> <li>Gapminder—creates visual displays of facts about global health and development. Available at: <a href="https://www.gapminder.org/">https://www.gapminder.org/</a>.</li> </ul>
Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>United Nations. Sustainable Development Goals Site. Available at: <a href="http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/">http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/</a>.</li> <li>The Global Fund. Available at: <a href="http://www.theglobalfund.org/en/">http://www.theglobalfund.org/en/</a>.</li> <li>Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Available at: <a href="http://www.gatesfoundation.org/">http://www.gatesfoundation.org/</a>.</li> <li>United States Agency for International Development. Available at: <a href="https://www.usaid.gov/">https://www.usaid.gov/</a>.</li> <li>World Health Organization: Available at: <a href="http://www.who.int/en/">http://www.who.int/en/</a>.</li> <li>United Nations Millennium Development Goals Report 2015. Available at: <a href="http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/2015_MDG_Report/pdf/MDG%202015%20rev%20(July%20201).pdf">http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/2015_MDG_Report/pdf/MDG%202015%20rev%20(July%20201).pdf</a>.</li> <li>Jamison DT, Summers LH, Alleyne G, et al. Global Health 2035: a world converging within a generation. <i>Lancet</i> 2013; 382:1898–955. Available at: <a href="http://www.thelancet.com/pdfs/journals/lancet/PIIS0140-6736(13)62105-4.pdf">http://www.thelancet.com/pdfs/journals/lancet/PIIS0140-6736(13)62105-4.pdf</a>.</li> <li>Fauci AS. Ebola--underscoring the global disparities in health care resources. <i>N Engl J Med</i> 2014;371:1084–6. Available at: <a href="http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp1409494#t=article">http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp1409494#t=article</a>.</li> </ul>
Level 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WHO, Global Health Observatory Data. Available at: <a href="http://www.who.int/gho/database/en/">http://www.who.int/gho/database/en/</a>.</li> <li>Institute for Health Metrics &amp; Evaluation. Available at: <a href="http://www.healthdata.org/">http://www.healthdata.org/</a>.</li> </ul>
Level 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Green L, Ottoson J. Community and Population Health, 8th ed. WCB/McGraw Hill, 1999.</li> <li>Smith L. Decolonizing Methodologies: Research and Indigenous Peoples. Zed Books, 1999.</li> </ul>
Level 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Green L, Ottoson J. Community and Population Health, 8th ed. WCB/McGraw Hill, 1999.</li> <li>Smith L. Decolonizing Methodologies: Research and Indigenous Peoples. Zed Books, 1999.</li> </ul>
Domain 2: Globalization of Health and Health Care	
Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Health Report 2000 - Health Systems: Improving Performance. Available at: <a href="http://www.who.int/whr/2000/en/">http://www.who.int/whr/2000/en/</a>.</li> <li>Skolnik R. Essentials of Global Health. Jones &amp; Bartlett Learning, 2008.</li> <li>Backman G, Hunt P, Khosla R, et al. Health systems and the right to health: an assessment of 194 countries. <i>Lancet</i> 2008; 372:2047–85.</li> <li>Fuchs V. Comparative health systems. Stanford University Henry J. Kaiser Jr. Professor of Health and Research Policy Emeritus. 2009. Available at: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uLPSk6f7pQw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uLPSk6f7pQw</a>.</li> </ul>
Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Health Report 2010 - Health Systems Financing: The Path to Universal Coverage. Available at: <a href="http://www.who.int/whr/2010/en/">http://www.who.int/whr/2010/en/</a>.</li> <li>Squires DA. The U.S. Health System in Perspective: A Comparison of Twelve Industrialized Nations. 2011. Available at: <a href="http://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/issue-briefs/2011/jul/us-health-system-in-perspective">http://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/issue-briefs/2011/jul/us-health-system-in-perspective</a></li> <li>Harvey, K, Esposito, DH, Han, P, et al. Surveillance for travel-related disease-GeoSentinel surveillance system, United States, 1997–2011. <i>MMWR Surveill Summ</i> 2013;62:1–23.</li> <li>McCloskey B, Dar O, Zumla A, Heymann DL. Emerging infectious diseases and pandemic potential: status quo and reducing risk of global spread. <i>Lancet</i> 2014;14:1001–10.</li> </ul>
Level 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Field experience.</li> <li>Health Workforce Brain Drain: From Denouncing the Problem to Solving the Challenge. Available at: <a href="http://journals.plos.org/plosmedicine/article/asset?id=10.1371/journal.pmed.1001514.PDF">http://journals.plos.org/plosmedicine/article/asset?id=10.1371/journal.pmed.1001514.PDF</a></li> <li>Global Health Workforce Network. Available at: <a href="http://www.who.int/hrh/network/en/">http://www.who.int/hrh/network/en/</a>.</li> </ul>
Level 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WHO. Global Strategy on Human Resources for Health: Workforce 2030. [Draft 1.0 submitted to the Executive Board (138 Session).] 2015. Available at: <a href="http://who.int/hrh/resources/global_strategyHRH.pdf?ua=1">http://who.int/hrh/resources/global_strategyHRH.pdf?ua=1</a>.</li> <li>Ogedegbe G, Gyamfi J, Plange-Rhule J, et al. Task-shifting interventions for cardiovascular risk reduction in low and middle-income countries: a systematic review of randomized controlled trials. <i>BMJ Open</i> 2014;4:e005983.</li> </ul>
Level 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professional and field leadership experience.</li> </ul>

**Table 4**  
Assessment Methods

Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Journal club</li> <li>• Small group discussion</li> <li>• Reflection essays</li> <li>• Question banks related to materials</li> <li>• Course assessments</li> <li>• Simulation scenarios/standardized patient encounters</li> <li>• Direct observation</li> </ul>
Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Journal club</li> <li>• Question banks related to materials</li> <li>• Advanced course assessments</li> <li>• Reflection essays</li> <li>• Self-assessment</li> <li>• Direct observation</li> <li>• Simulation scenarios</li> <li>• Didactic presentations</li> </ul>
Level 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflection essay</li> <li>• Self-assessment</li> <li>• Small group discussion</li> <li>• Assessments from field experience (360 evaluations)</li> <li>• Mentor evaluation/direct observation</li> <li>• Research project assessment</li> </ul>
Level 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mentor evaluation/direct observation</li> <li>• Assessments from field experience (360 evaluations)</li> <li>• Presentations</li> <li>• Review of research project</li> <li>• Achievement of grants/funding</li> </ul>
Level 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colleague and partner evaluations</li> <li>• Academic productivity</li> <li>• Presentations</li> <li>• Curriculum development</li> </ul>

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## Supporting Information

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**Data Supplement S1.** Remainder of specific suggested resources for learning.

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