INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND MEDICINE AT NORTHWESTERN MEDICINE
CENTER FOR GLOBAL HEALTH
Center for Global Health

Global health presents a complex set of challenges and obstacles that require intervention and innovation. The Center for Global Health at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine meets these challenges through education and rigorous research focused on infectious disease, therapeutic treatments, and preventive education to stem chronic disease.

The spread of disease is a global phenomenon that affects humankind without regard to any geographical boundaries. Working together in the laboratory or at clinical sites around the world, our Northwestern medical students, residents, teaching fellows, and physicians employ new technologies, proven methods, and data-driven solutions to reach the goal of improving world health one patient at a time.

One of the pillars of Northwestern University’s strategic plan, global health expands the impact of the University at home and abroad. This is done by actively engaging with the world through strategic partnerships locally, nationally, and internationally—serving to heighten the global reach of the University for the greater good. Specifically, the University’s vision for global health provides:

Our research in global health involves collaboration among business, engineering, education and social policy, anthropology and sociology, communications and journalism, and naturally medicine. Our faculty and students work together on a global scale on issues ranging from HIV in Africa to nutrition, obesity, and diabetes in the United States to collaborative ways to respond to a natural disaster (2011 Northwestern University Strategic Plan).

The Center for Global Health is the nucleus for global health research, training, advocacy, and program activities for medical students, residents, fellows, and faculty at Northwestern.

“Inescapably, we have become a global medical community. As a direct consequence, the Center for Global Health has directed a significant portion of its efforts in medical research, education, and training toward health issues that positively impact the world’s populations.”

Robert L. Murphy, MD
Director, Center for Global Health
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The emergence of global health as a primary force in dealing with deadly disease and chronic illness is clear. Metrics reveal global health research and education efforts have a profound impact, such as saving lives at birth; providing sustainable education and training to local healthcare workers; employing cutting-edge technology to track, study, and reduce mortality; effectively treating chronic conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, and arthritis; and curtailing the spread of infectious disease. In the process, global health at its best helps create compassionate physicians capable of treating highly challenging health issues and disparities wherever healthcare needs arise.

The role of global health on the world stage depends upon two factors: knowledge and compassion. Bringing what we know to developing countries, which are often disproportionately affected by life-threatening disease due to poverty and a severe lack of resources, supports health as a human right for all.
THROUGH NORTHWESTERN MEDICINE, WE INTEND TO CREATE A NATIONAL EPICENTER FOR HEALTHCARE, EDUCATION, RESEARCH, COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND ADVOCACY.

Northwestern Medicine

Northwestern Memorial HealthCare and Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine are seeking to impact the health of humankind through Northwestern Medicine. We aspire to be the destination of choice for people seeking quality healthcare; for those who provide, support, and advance care through leading-edge treatments and breakthrough discoveries; and for people who share our passion for educating future physicians and scientists. Our commitment to transform healthcare and to be among the nation’s top academic medical centers will be accomplished through innovation and excellence.

The Institute for Public Health and Medicine and the Center for Global Health at Northwestern Medicine lead the country in medical student and resident global health education and service. The groundswell of interest in global health training opportunities, research, and career choice is a result of our education and training programs in underserved clinics worldwide. It is a life-changing experience for faculty, alumni, medical students, residents, and fellows on every level.

In addition, critical research to resolve global health issues and the transport of disease are integral to the health of nations. A global economy, increased travel and interaction with world populations, and discovering diseases not yet seen in the United States speak to the need for global health solutions. Attracting and retaining renowned global health faculty at Northwestern Medicine facilitates research initiatives and enhances clinical work in the field, yielding profound collaborative medical advances certain to benefit patient populations here and around the world.

Global health is an interdisciplinary field that includes not only a wide variety of infectious diseases but also non-communicable diseases, neglected tropical diseases, surgery, pediatrics, women’s health, and community health. Addressing these vital areas through collaborative support of educational opportunities, endowed professorships, and specific innovative seed projects at Northwestern University is paramount, and also will help to attract federal and international funding from multi-national government agencies such as the Global Alliance for Chronic Disease.

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