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TOP 5 REASONS FOR FAMILY PHYSICIANS TO ENGAGE WITH GLOBAL HEALTH

In each year since 2011, more than 30% of medical students have participated in global health activities while in medical school. Explore why you should consider joining the global family medicine movement:

- 1. Career prospects:** Family medicine's broad scope of training prepares physicians to practice medicine globally, especially focusing on prevention, community integration, and public health.
- 2. Learn abroad; apply at home:** Diverse patient populations require unique social, psychological, and medical needs. This provides learning opportunities that inform and enhance our future domestic practices.
- 3. Help those in need:** Family physicians care for the majority of immigrants, refugees, asylum-seekers, and forcibly displaced individuals. These populations present complex, interesting, and rewarding experiences for many clinicians.
- 4. New era of global health:** As global health initiatives adjust focus to noncommunicable diseases and building foundations for primary care, family medicine physicians are uniquely positioned to support the expansion of clinical care delivery across the globe. Family medicine residencies recognize this, and more than 66% provide robust international rotations focused on public health, education, and clinical care.
- 5. Family medicine and global health are interrelated:** You'll enhance communication skills, cultural and language competence, and awareness about health disparities and social determinants of health. Populations with limited resources can receive the thorough, evidence-based care they depend on, without the high-cost technology required by other specialists. Getting involved with global health is a win-win experience.



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