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**Incorporating Global Health & International Experience into a career in Primary Care**

Benefits:

**Acquire new skills**

* Clinical e.g. history, examination, diagnosis, tropical medicine, HIV/TB etc..
* Exposure to resource-scarcity / new technology
* Leadership & Management
* Teaching & Learning
* Research
* Interpersonal skills e.g. communication, cultural competence
* Managing ethical challenges
* Cross specialty/profession collaboration
* Language

**Better informed perspective on home & global situation**

* Socio-economic & environmental determinants
* Health systems
* Health policy
* Global burden of disease
* Role of health advocacy

**Creates enthusiasm / Renews job satisfaction**

* For working at home
* For primary care & public health
* For caring for underserved & immigrant population

Read more in:

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