

Ethical Issues Global Health Trainees face Overseas

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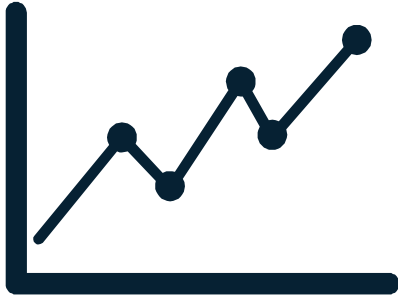
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1. Introduction



Background

- ▶ GHEs are increasing yearly
- ▶ In USA, increased from 10% to 22.3% from 1995 to 2004 (AMAC)

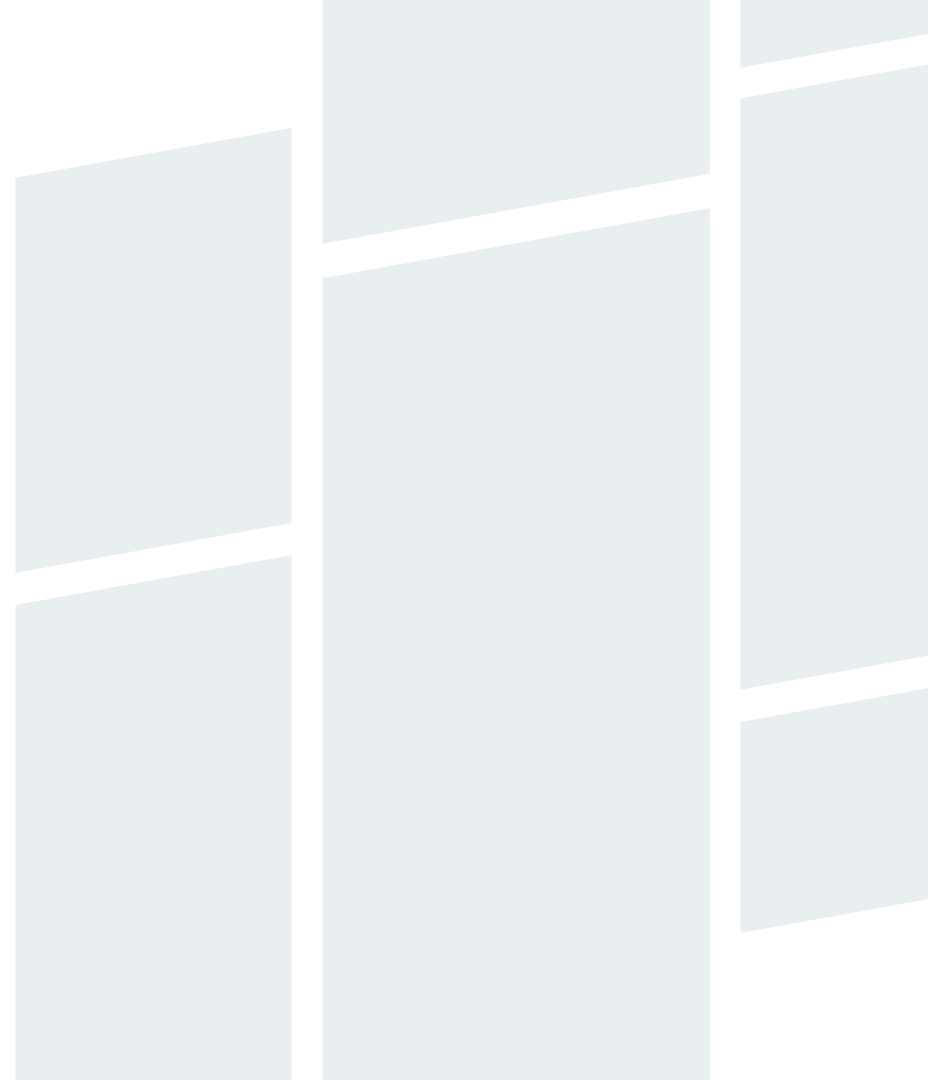


Reasons for GHEs

- ▶ Health care education
- ▶ Experience in resource-limited setting
- ▶ Cultural appreciation
- ▶ Global health issues

Problem

- ▶ Trainees are unaware and unprepared of ethical issues when going overseas

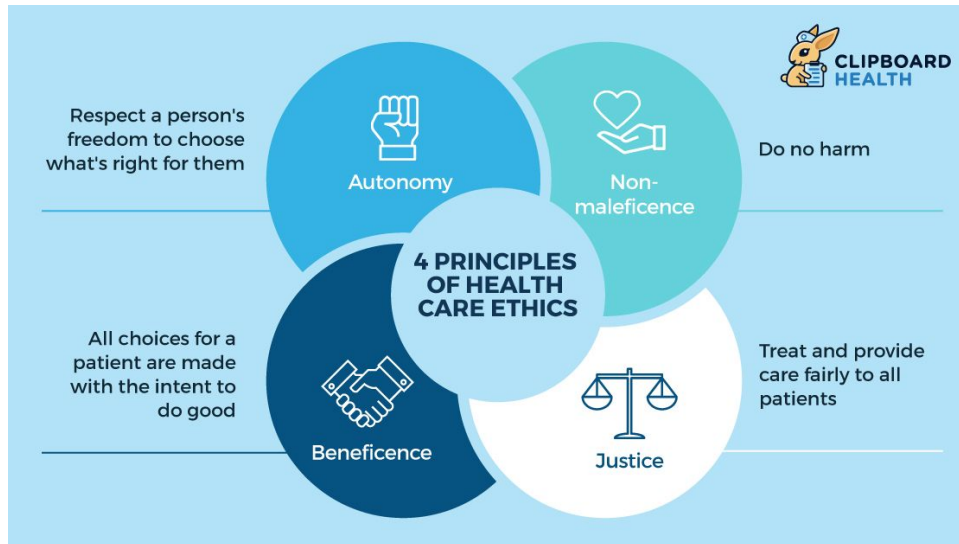


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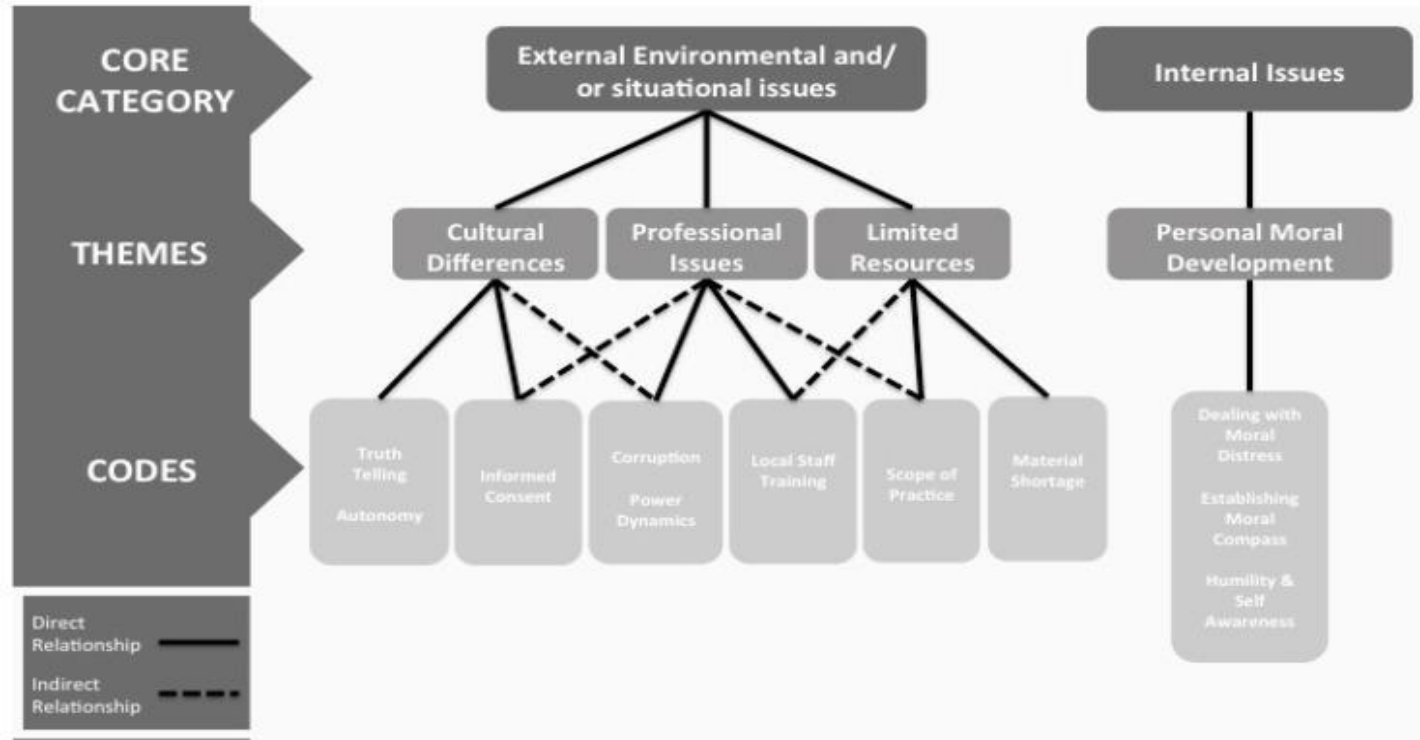


Four Principles of Ethics

- ▶ Beneficence
- ▶ Non-Maleficence
- ▶ Respect for Autonomy
- ▶ Justice



Ethical Issues



Harrison, Logar, T., Le, P., & Glass, M. (2016). What Are the Ethical Issues Facing Global-Health Trainees Working Overseas? A Multi-Professional Qualitative Study. *Healthcare (Basel)*, 4(3), 43–. <https://doi.org/10.3390/healthcare4030043>

Truth-telling and Informed Consent

- ▶ Most common ethical issue reported
- ▶ Conflicts with respect for autonomy

3. Reasons for Ethical Issues



Different countries have different values



Resource-limited countries have different norms



“So in a limited-resource environment, even though it is something that can be reversed as easily as getting blood, [it] is sometimes delayed and people die because there is no blood or they’re trying to save it for a different case”.

– Pharmacist Trainee

Current Guidelines

- ▶ Scarcity of ethical guidelines
- ▶ Focus on other issues such as social justice
- ▶ WEIGHT in 2010 made a set of guidelines but ethical considerations are still not clear

Cultural Competence

- ▶ Difference in values, culture, and history
- ▶ Trainees must be aware of cultural norms
- ▶ “Western” norms of patient autonomy and informed consent
- ▶ Different priorities
- ▶ Privacy

4. Solutions



Solutions

- ▶ Mandating ethical issues within global health curriculum
- ▶ Online Modules
 - Ethical Challenges (Stanford University)
 - Virtual Mentor (American Medical Association)
- ▶ Service Learning
- ▶ Simulation Learning

Are these solutions helpful?

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About the Case Series

Cases

- ▶ Developing Cultural Understanding
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- ▶ Recognizing Burdens
- ▶ Shifting Resources
- ▶ Telling the "Truth"
- ▶ Selecting a Research Project
- ▶ Understanding Informed Consent for Research

Additional Resources (pdf)

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This course consists of a series of ten cases to introduce trainees and others involved in global health research and service to ethical issues that may arise during short-term training experiences abroad.

Each is adapted from an actual scenario. Names, locales and other details have been changed to protect privacy and help meet learning objectives. For more information about the case series, [click here](#).

We recommend that you complete the cases in order. You can navigate the site using the navigation bar at left and the "Next" button on each page.

Following each case, we ask you to complete 5 brief survey questions. Doing so will allow you to print a Certificate of Completion for that case.

Course Objectives

1. Demonstrate increased awareness of ethical issues involved in short-term global health programs abroad;
2. Identify strategies for dealing with these ethical issues as they arise;
3. Display increased confidence in their ability to navigate these issues; and
4. Report anticipated and actual changes in their behavior during their training program abroad.

Before beginning this course, tell us a little about [yourself](#).

To begin the first case, click its title at left or [here](#).

□ Evaluated from Nov 1, 2011 to July 1, 2012

□ 238 users visited each month

□ 31% reported prior training

□ 62% reported personal referral or training program

“The curriculum is **meeting a critical need** for an introduction to the ethical issues in short-term global health training. **Future work will integrate this curriculum** within more comprehensive curricula for global health and evaluate specific knowledge and behavioral effects, including at training sites abroad.”

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