

Description of *Global Health Matters*: A *Public Health Reports* Column

Background

Public Health Reports (PHR) is the official journal for the U.S. Public Health Service and the Surgeon General. *PHR* is the oldest journal of public health in the U.S., publishing since 1878. It is distributed and read widely in the public health community. *PHR* publishes research and practice articles, as well as viewpoint essays and commentaries. Beginning in 2006, *PHR* began selecting and publishing a peer-reviewed article of global interest and featuring it in the *Global Health Matters* section of the journal.

Global Health Matters

This column name was chosen to reflect the global nature of public health, focusing on issues that can have widespread impact; for example, a global concern in a developed country that may soon be an issue in a developing country. Oftentimes, the *Global Health Matters* article can serve to identify interested collaborators and partners to solve a particular problem. Ultimately, the column's goal is to showcase the wide range of global health issues in developed and developing countries.

Researchers, practitioners, and health professional are encouraged to submit manuscripts describing topics such as creative educational programs, interesting clinical findings, major health events, as well as basic research findings. Submissions should include supportive or evaluation data where possible.

Specific Requirements

Manuscripts should be 1,000 to 2,000 words in length and should contain:

- A one-paragraph summary **abstract**,
- An **introduction** that outlines the problem and what spurred the health department to take action,
- An **initiative summary** that concisely explains what was done,
- A presentation of **outcomes and evaluation**; and
- A **discussion** of lessons learned and next steps.

Submission Process

Manuscripts should be submitted as one inclusive attachment to *Public Health Reports*, Attn: *Global Health Matters*, at manuscripts@publichealthreports.org. Notification of receipt will be sent via e-mail. Please specify *Global Health Matters* in the submission. The manuscript will undergo an external peer-review process if approved by the editorial board of *Public Health Reports*.

Prospective authors should feel free to contact Dr. Mark Gregory Robson, column editor for *Global Health Matters*, to ask if a particular topic would be encouraged for submission. Dr. Robson can be reached by e-mail at robson@aesop.rutgers.edu.