

Global Health and Planetary Health Syllabus

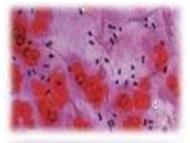
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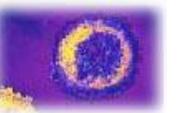
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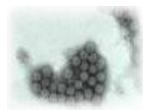














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SESSION 1: OVERVIEW AND SOME BASIC METHODOLOGY

- An overview of the changing state of the world's health
- Overview of the DALY methodology to measure burden of disease
- Constraints on health system performance
- Performance against Millennium Development Goals
- Numerous disease case studies

SESSION 2: SOME BIG HEALTH CHALLENGES

- Antimicrobial resistance
- Disease eradication
- Global pandemics. Responding to Ebola

SESSION 3: COVID-19

- Everything you ever wanted to know about COVID-19
- The nature of the virus and how the virus affects the human body
- Risk factors and spread
- Cases and deaths
- Developing different types of vaccine and speed of development
- Access to vaccines and vaccine equity
- 100-day mission
- mRNA hub and spoke network, role of Africa

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SESSION 4: RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (R&D) OF VACCINES AND DIGITAL HEALTH

- Potential contribution of new vaccines
- Issues in the Research and Development (R&D) of new products.
- The role of public (GAVI, PAHO, WHO) and private organisations
- Some novel financing mechanisms
- Case studies (e.g., HPV, HIV, hep B, pneumococcal, rotavirus, malaria, cholera, pandemic flu, COVID-19)

• SESSION 5: DISEASE MAPPING, ECONOMICS AND COST EFFECTIVENESS METHODOLOGY, WITH CASE STUDIES OF DENGUE AND MALARIA

- Mapping diseases
- Dengue mapping as a worked example
- Economics of dengue
- Dengue vaccine and dengue vector-control case studies
- Malaria vaccine cost effectiveness worked example
- Other case studies

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SESSION 6: PLANETARY HEALTH

- What is planetary health?
- What do we know about climate change?
- Impact of climate change on human health
- Impact of pollution on human health
- Food and human health and planetary health
- Urban and rural health
- Ecosystems and health
- Economics, business, the natural capital approach
- Systems and dynamics

SESSION 7: BIODIVERSITY, MEDICINE, AND HEALTH

- A new global initiative to speed development of medicines from nature, especially from tropical rainforests
- Importance of biodiversity for medicine
- Obstacles to development of medicines from nature
- Drugs from plants
- A new toolbox