

We are delighted to present to you the November-December 2016 Global Health issue of *The New Physician*. Global health is a topic of great importance today. With the advent of new epidemics and

how we view displaced Syrian refugees and humanizes the refugee crisis in her article, while Maria Virginia Castaños talks about how negligent health care systems strip the right to health care that we expect for every human being.

We also must think about how epidemics evolve and the role climate change plays in the genesis and proliferation of disease. Shelby Ragsdale addresses concerns about Zika virus for individuals traveling abroad and outlines steps one can take to prevent its spread across local communities, while Dr. Peter J. Hotez discusses his interest and work with Zika in greater detail, discussing measures that the United States should take to prevent a national outbreak of the virus. Keanan McGonigle explains what physicians and other health leaders can do to spread awareness of climate change and its health effects.

We hope that this issue of *The New Physician* will provide you with important takeaways on key global health issues that persist in our world today and start a conversation about how we, as those who will define the future of medicine, can understand what is necessary to keep people healthy in a world where epidemics and humanitarian crises are important influencers of health abroad and at home. ●

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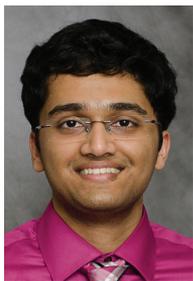
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humanitarian crisis situations, the medical world is constantly changing and innovating, working on novel treatment and prevention methods for different diseases, and considering how care needs to be delivered to low-resource international populations. Perhaps the most defining global health challenge of our time is how to keep populations healthy in a world where we are faced with increasingly complex diseases and outbreaks.

In this issue, you will see articles providing information and perspectives on the present state and future expectations of the crises that dominate our headlines today. Among other topics, our writers provide context about the Syrian refugee crisis and the Zika epidemic.

In today's world, we must be compassionate and look beyond our borders to understand the health challenges affecting those living in and arriving from low resource regions of the world. Pavitra Krishnamani questions



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