Introduction
The article and video resources presented in each of four topics – childbirth, basic healthcare, tuberculosis, and patient and care provider experiences – aim to give a vivid understanding of critical issues at the front lines of healthcare delivery in low-resource settings. While the resources provided are only introductory, we hope they will be a good starting point for anyone hoping to delve into questions about global health and healthcare management both in the U.S. and abroad.

Childbirth

Read


An introduction to a large range of barriers to maternal care, focusing on Peru. Includes discussion of issues in transportation, differences in cultural norms, lack of healthcare providers and high turnover rates, patient experience and perception of quality, gender and racial discrimination, cultural norms, transportation, and cost. Presents one successful model and the difficulties of iteration on it.

Watch


A short version of the story of a Haitian law student who successfully fought to make rape an official crime in her country.


An excerpt from an award-winning documentary which takes us inside a busy maternity ward in Nigeria, a country where maternal deaths are among the highest in the world. Inside a maternity ward, the film chronicles distressed labors, death, and miraculous survival. Outside, lack of blood supply, transportation, and family planning, are examined as causes of the cycle that kills more than 36,000 Nigerian women a year. Warning: EXPLICIT CONTENT. On the page, you can also read a blog post by the producer.


The Peruvian government’s new strategies to reduce deaths from childbirth among indigenous women who live far from health services that takes into account the needs, customs, and wants of the population.

In Sierra Leone, photographer Lynsey Addario met 18-year-old Mamma Sessay, whose harrowing final hours of life show the perils of pregnancy in the developing world. **Warning: SOME EXPLICIT CONTENT.** Accompanying introductory article on the challenges of healthy delivery across the globe.


Serious lack of healthcare infrastructure, an absence of reliable transportation, and lack of financial control leave Haitian women with few places to safely give birth. This video shows a clinic of Zanmi Lasante, also known as Partners in Health.

## Basic Healthcare

**Read**


*Follow a day in the life of an unemployed teacher seeking free medical help at a Remote Area Medical expedition in Appalachia.*

**Watch**

> ABC News. 2009. *Clinic Provides Free Health Care for Poor*
  http://abcnews.go.com/video/playerIndex?id=8309740 [02:31 run time]

*Doctors, nurses, and other healthcare workers in Los Angeles volunteer with Remote Area Medical to provide medical care to those who cannot afford it.*

> Smith, Mary Olive (producer) 2009. *A Walk to Beautiful*
  http://video.pbs.org/video/980049841/ [53 minutes]. *A powerful story of healing and hope for women in Ethiopia devastated by childbirth injuries, A Walk to Beautiful won the 2009 Emmy Award for Outstanding Informational Program, Long Format. NOTE: CONTAINS EXPLICIT CONTENT*

## Tuberculosis

  http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/rxforsurvival/series/champions/jim_yong_kim.html

*A short description of Jim Yong Kim and Paul Farmer's start at discovering and treating multidrug resistant TB in Peru.*

> “Part I: Poverty and the Rise of MDR TB in Peru”

> “Part II: Everyone Around Her is at Risk”

> “Part III: Facing TB Head-On”
Award-winning photographer James Nachtwey documented the resurgence of tuberculosis in seven countries, capturing the lives of patients and health care workers in the struggle against this ancient disease. Not only does TB remain a killer disease in its most recognizable form but it is mutating into even more deadly forms: multi-drug resistant (MDR) and extremely drug resistant (XDR) TB. NOTE: CONTAINS EXPLICIT CONTENT.

Read


An extensive first person account of an Australian university student who was diagnosed with multidrug resistant TB, likely caught during travels in Africa or South America. He writes about his treatment process including 7 months of isolation in the hospital, as well as his current work to spread knowledge of the global risks of TB and other infectious diseases. There are also links to the author’s comic youtube videos.

Patient and Care Provider Experiences

Read

> Keirns, Carla C. 2009. “Dying of A Treatable Disease” *Health Affairs* November/December vol. 28 no. 6: pages 1807-1813. [http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/28/6/1807.full?sid=4a4f00a2-60a6-436b-8166-5c0fac972c78](http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/28/6/1807.full?sid=4a4f00a2-60a6-436b-8166-5c0fac972c78)

Working in Botswana reveals to a young American doctor the strengths and weakness of medicine in both countries and helps her describe a set of issues she had a glimpse into while working abroad.


A very short account of a surgeon's experience treating an underserved population in Honduras and his sense of a moral and practical call to action.


A very short first-person account of a Las Angeles pediatrician’s experiences.
performing elective and emergency operations in a hospital in Nigeria.

*Watch*

- Oxfam. 2009. *Queues, Quacks and Chaos: The Reality of Indian Health Care*  
  [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eSsHTNUUT_E](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eSsHTNUUT_E) [5:02 run time]  
  Exposé of the reality of health care for poor Indians confronting an under-funded public sector and a growing unregulated, uncontrolled private sector.


*Additional Resources*

  In Haiti, malnutrition was the most serious threat to pediatric health.

  [http://www.ghfn.org/1-topics-general-pages/htlv-1](http://www.ghfn.org/1-topics-general-pages/htlv-1) [5:29 run time].  
  Some 20 million people carry Human T-Lymphotropic Virus, Type 1, yet there are few treatments for those who develop disease as a result.

- Gann, Carrie. 2011. *Man Dies From Toothache, Couldn’t Afford Meds*  
  A 24-year-old Cincinnati father died from a tooth infection this week because he couldn’t afford his medication, offering a sobering reminder of the importance of oral health and the number of people without access to dental or health care.

- CNN/Gary Strieker. 2011. *Global battle against malaria* [5 min, 28 sec]  
  Resistant strains of malaria make treatment drugs ineffective.

- Good starting points for news stories and video content  
  Around twenty videos related to our course materials on business models for global health appear in my curated collection on YouTube:  
  [http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL545006C5F5385831](http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL545006C5F5385831)