

Review of: "Public Health Student Internship: An Opportunity to Explore System, Self, and Society"

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Good introduction to the relevance of exposure to community based internships for public health students. A few comments:

1. "When providers focus on only symptoms at the cellular level – and avoid exploring causes at the societal level" - Symptoms of what? Disease? Which providers are we referring to? Physicians, pharmacists, nurses, etc., all of them? Previous paragraph does not translate well to conveying the intent of this sentence.
2. "When the PH students use the plight of these communities as an "exposure," the power imbalances get exacerbated, and the communities continue to remain confined to where they are, i.e., the margins." - the terms community/communities are mentioned several times however not very clearly defined.
3. "This requires attention towards patronizing clinical sciences and respecting social sciences." - too strong of a statement without clear evidence.
4. "Through immersive inquiry, PH students can learn to appreciate her concerns of walking many kilometres to draw and carry water not merely as 'helplessness' but as an important determinant of her deteriorating health." - What is 'immersive inquiry'?