



# Develop Cultural Care Guides for Healthcare Providers

**EthnoMed invites individuals to help create quick cultural guides to assist healthcare providers in delivering culturally competent care.**

## Project Overview

EthnoMed aims to develop practical, accessible resources that healthcare providers can use at the point of care when interacting with patients from unfamiliar cultural backgrounds. This project involves:

- **Creating Quick Cultural Guides:** Develop concise guides for healthcare providers that cover:
  - Cultural norms relevant to patient interactions
  - Historical context affecting trust in Western medical systems
  - Traditional medications and potential interactions with Western treatments
  - Common dietary restrictions and considerations
  - Illnesses common to the patient's area of origin and necessary screenings
  - Beliefs, stigmas, and health risks specific to the culture
  - Other common concerns within the community

## About Us:

EthnoMed is a cultural bridge connecting healthcare providers and patients from refugee, immigrant, and migrant (RIM) backgrounds in King County.

Our team:

- Educates healthcare providers on clinical and cultural topics relevant to patient care.
- Provides patients with culturally and linguistically tailored health resources.
- Conducts community engagement, education, and outreach throughout Seattle and King County.
- Creates opportunities for students and medical residents to gain experience with diverse patient populations.

EthnoMed operates within Harborview Medical Center—the region's only Level 1 trauma center and home to the International Medicine Clinic, where patients speaking over 100 different languages receive care annually.



## What We Offer

### Impactful Experience:

Develop lasting health resources to improve health equity for immigrant and refugee communities.

### Skill Development:

Gain hands-on experience in community engagement, health communication, multimedia content creation, web design, grant writing, and tropical medicine.

### Networking:

Collaborate with providers, community-based organizations, state and local governments, experts in cross-cultural medicine, and Harborview Medical Center's Caseworker Cultural Mediators

## Proposed Activities

- Reviewing and synthesizing existing cultural profiles and creating new content as needed.
- Conducting interviews with community members and stakeholders.
- Developing quick cultural guides and accompanying podcast episodes.
- Researching and compiling relevant cultural, historical, and health information.

## Timeline of Activities

- **Initial Planning and Research Phase**
- **Guide and Podcast Design**
- **Content Development and Stakeholder Feedback Collection**
- **Final Production and Review**
- **Final Presentation and Deliverables Submission**

## Proposed Deliverables

- Quick cultural guides for healthcare providers
- Podcast episodes featuring community perspectives and expert insights
- Research summaries and policy briefs
- Evaluation tools for the effectiveness of the guides and podcasts

## Advisors/Mentors

- **Dr. Jean-Jacques Kayembe:** Interpreter Services Director, HMC
- **Dr. Duncan Reid:** Medical Director, EthnoMed
- **Martine Pierre Louis:** Director of Equity Diversity & Inclusion, HMC
- **Celine Barthelemy, Nityia Przewlocki:** EthnoMed Team

## Potential Collaborators

- **International Medicine Clinic,** Harborview Medical Center (HMC)
- **Interpreter Services Department,** Harborview Medical Center
- **HMC Pediatrics Clinic**
- **Department of Global Health:** University of Washington
- **King County Public Health Community Navigators**

## Work Type

This project will be primarily remote but may require occasional in-person meetings at Harborview and in King County with community members.

## How to Apply

Interested parties should contact [\*\*EthnoMed@uw.edu\*\*](mailto:EthnoMed@uw.edu) with:

- A current resume or CV
- A brief statement of interest
- Outline of the program requirements you aim to fulfill
- Open until filled

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