

PROJECT: PREVENTIVE HEALTH

Part 1

Compare the health services you can access to the care available in other parts of the world. Think about the doctor you visit when you are sick, the immunizations and screenings for vision and hearing you can get at school, a local drug store, or even the shopping mall. Also consider what happens when you have a major emergency and your ability to have care with just a 911 call away. Are these services equally available in the U.S. and other countries?

Research health services in the United States:

What health services are available?

How many hospitals are available in the U.S.?

How many doctors are there per 1,000 citizens?

What happens when a person living in the U.S. becomes seriously ill or has a bad accident?

How far must they travel to see a doctor or go to a hospital?

Research medical care in a third-world country:

What health services are available?

How many hospitals are available in the country?

How many doctors are there per 1,000 citizens?

What happens when a person living in one of those countries becomes seriously ill or has a bad accident?

How far must they travel to see a doctor or go to a hospital?

Write a paragraph that compares and contrasts the two worlds.

Part 2

Your medical needs change as you pass through different periods of your life. As a child, you receive vaccinations to guard you against certain diseases, or you may visit an urgent care facility for a sprained ankle. Your medical needs as a teen may range from visiting a dermatologist for skin care to a trip to the emergency room for a sports-related injury. As an adult, health care needs may range from cholesterol screenings to back problems. In table below, describe the different situations requiring professional health services for people of all ages such as primary, preventive, and emergency care.

	Primary	Preventative	Emergency
Infants/children			
Teens			
Adults			
Seniors			