



Zika in Miami and Abroad

Exploring the medical and public health response to an emerging epidemic



“Love in the Time of Zika”

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Strengths:

- travel advisories
- swift deployment of diagnostic tests
- mosquito control efforts in Miami

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Weaknesses

- Failure of mosquito control initiatives
- reliance on non-evidence based prevention techniques (ie, wearing long sleeves)
- failure to incorporate abortion and/or contraception counseling and services systematically
- funding limitations, lack of political will

Reflection Questions

Who has been best served by the successes of the Zika? Who has been left behind?

Who will be most served by the opportunities you identified?

Who will be most impacted by the threats?

Deeper Reflection Questions

- How do you view the role of physicians in responding to emerging epidemics such as Zika? Has anything you heard today changed or expanded your view?
- Think of a health and/or social justice issue that is important to you: did you learn anything today that you can apply to your work on that issue?