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Abstract:

Basic principles of health care and health science education do not differ whether you are underneath a mango tree or in Mayo clinic. What makes difference is access to health care and its delivery with limited resources. Asian continent has challenging diversity in geographical landscape and rural and urban population divide.

Though allopathic (so-called Western Medicine) has become main stay of curriculum in medical education, Asian countries have rich tradition of native medicine. We need to incorporate traditional medicine in allopathic syllabus. As regards to rural health, we need to create special modules in medical education programs on ‘Dealing with Adversity’ for delivering effective and efficient health care to rural and remote population. Author will highlight, with example, various strategies for teaching medicine relevant to Asia.