

There and Back Again: An Access Tale

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Here: Bogalusa, LA USA

Primary Methods of Transportation:

- Private vehicle
- Carpool
- Medicaid shuttle
- Bicycle
- Foot



Contributing Factors to Barrier:

- 36.3% poverty rate in Bogalusa
- 19% poverty rate in LA
- Lack of public transportation
- 39.7% of households have 1 car
- Strict scheduling of insurance-covered shuttle

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Introduction

In both the Cusco Region of Peru as well as Bogalusa, Louisiana, USA, rural populations living in poverty have varied access to transportation which often becomes a barrier, requiring a creative solution. Transportation may present complicated hurdles that depend greatly on finances, geography—distance, topography, etc.—or other factors, ultimately determining a patient's ability to engage with the local health care system.

HOW DOES YOUR PRACTICE ADDRESS THESE BARRIERS?

Bridging the Gap



Reduce Transportation Distance:

- Home visits
- Mobile/satellite clinics
 - Reach. Teach. Heal. Peru.
 - NOLA Homeless Clinics

Reduce Transportation Financial Burden:

- Coordination with insurance covered shuttles
 - Dedicated clinic days for insurance transport
 - Dedicated transport days from particular regions
- Community partnerships
 - Social work coordination of vouchers
 - Local taxis
 - Lyft/Uber

Some communities have seen 9% reduction in hospital readmissions by instituting a combination of these programs.

There: Andahuaylillas, Peru

Primary Methods of Transportation:

- Foot
- Public transportation
- Taxi
- Private vehicle
- Bicycle



Contributing Factors to Barrier:

- 46% poverty rate in rural Peru
- 22% poverty rate in country of Peru
- 4% of Peruvian individuals have private vehicles
- Distance and Topographically prohibitive visits
 - Specialists in Cusco >1 hour **drive** from rural, mountainous areas.
- No insurance covered transportation

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