

My name's Tracy Rabin and I am the associate program director for global and community health in the Yale primary care internal medicine residency.

I also co-direct a relationship that Yale has with a university in Uganda. We bring trainees and faculty from Uganda to Yale and send Yale trainees abroad.

Working with my colleagues from Uganda is a very exciting part of my job here.

Although there are so many things that our colleagues in Uganda get to experience for the first time here at Yale, thinking about new diagnostic techniques or treatments that they can't yet implement at home, the medical training in Uganda is very, very solid.

It's excellent and so it's wonderful to see how much those students and how much our colleagues have to contribute here to the care of patients and to the teaching environment and also how they can take lessons back with them that they've gained here.

It's a global society. You know, our patients certainly come from very diverse backgrounds here in the United States but we also are helping patients from all over the world who come here for various reasons and I think there's a great deal of cultural humility that you need to have as a physician.

There are things that we know and we're expert in, but certainly our patients have a lot to teach us about themselves and how they deal with the health issues that are facing them and so the more that we can be open and experienced in learning about how people in other parts of the world or other parts of the country think about disease and health, the better we are and the more effective, really, we are as physicians.