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Student Name	Practicum Site & Location	Practicum Supervisor	Practicum
Epidemiology Track			
Acosta, Leah	Vanderbilt Memory & Alzheimer's Center (VMAC) <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Angela Jefferson Director, VMAC Professor, Neurology	Distributed a survey to PCPs in the greater Nashville area to assess attitudes and practice patterns regarding mild cognitive impairment. Compared survey results to a similar survey distributed to neurologists through the American Academy of Neurology.
Carlo, Mariu	Vanderbilt University Medical Center <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Laura Dugan Abram C. Shmerling Professor of Alzheimer's and Geriatric Medicine Head, Division of Geriatric Medicine, Department of Medicine	Developed curriculum for inpatient geriatrics rotation for Internal Medicine interns by conducting needs assessment, defining core learning objectives, and creating an evaluation system to evaluate resident knowledge, attitudes, and skills.
Harris, Bryan	U.S. House of Representatives, Office of Congressman Jim Cooper <i>Washington, DC</i>	Ashley Shelton Legal Counsel Healthcare Advisor	Worked as a Health Policy Fellow in Congressman Jim Cooper's office (TN-05). Met with healthcare stakeholders, analyzed healthcare bills, made policy recommendation, responded to constituent concerns and worked on mental health delivery reform.
Lowry, Mary Allyson	Live Beyond <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Angel Noble Community Relations and Events Coordinator	Updated a pre-trip handbook given to short-term mission team members providing them a brief synopsis of local disease burdens, as well as, resources available for treatment, as well as, interacted with volunteers to sort and package medications used by organization teams in Haiti.
Norman, Brett	Cervical Cancer Free Tennessee and HPV Working Group <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Todd Lawrence Community Engagement Specialist	Performed a thorough assessment of the current educational material in the Schools of Medicine, Nursing, and various residency programs surrounding HPV vaccination to ensure it was up-to-date. Completed an assessment of the current information and recommendations provided to appropriate employees through the Health and Wellness Portal.
Richardson, Nicholas	TN Department of Health <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Michael Warren Assistant Commissioner, Division of Family Health and Wellness	Determined barriers to implementing evidence-based tobacco cessation programs into local primary care practices. Developed an action plan to facilitate successful integration and establishment through the Tennessee Department of

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			Health Department of Maternal and Child Health and Tobacco Control.
Ridgewell, Caitlin	TN Department of Health <i>Nashville, TN</i>	John Dunn Deputy State Epidemiologist	Managed vector borne disease case reports, data, and analyzed campylobacteriosis data. Helped the TN Department of Health make progress on a CDC-funded initiative involving Cryptosporidiosis.
Robinson-Shelton, Althea	St. Thomas Health <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Nancy Lim Executive Director, Community Health & Benefit	Performed a community health needs assessment for the four counties served by Saint Thomas Health and Vanderbilt University Medical Center.
Spain, Thomas	The Vanderbilt Center for Tobacco, Addiction and Lifestyle (VITAL) <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Hilary Tindle Founding Director, VITAL Associate Professor of Medicine	Worked with VITAL and MyHealth Team Care Coordination program to help develop an outpatient care management approach for tobacco smokers. Evaluated demonstration project to use automated interactive voice response calls and care coordinators to engage primary care patients in tobacco cessation care.
Tsosie, Krystal	United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (USET) Tribal Epidemiology Center <i>Nashville, TN</i>	John Mosely Hayes Senior Epidemiologist and Principal Investigator	Created health promotion materials to encourage elder members of USET, Inc. to seek preventative health measures in clinic to both improve health outcomes and increase quality and recording of tribal data.
Willis, Zachary	TN Department of Health <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Marion Kainer Director, TN Department of Health Healthcare-Associated Infections & Antimicrobial Resistance Program	Created a REDCap database to manage data associated with evaluating hospitals around the state for compliance with CDC Ebola Assessment Hospital standards.
Wilson, Jo Ellen	Vanderbilt Evidence-Based Practice Center <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Melissa McPheeters Director, Vanderbilt Evidence-Based Practice Center; Co-Director, Clinical and Translational Science Award Database Core	Worked as a member of the Evidence Based Practice Center team to participate on a systemic review of the treatment and their related harms of uterine fibroids.
Wooldridge, Kathleene	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Tennessee Valley Healthcare System <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Amanda Mixon Hospitalist, Tennessee Valley Healthcare System and investigator in the TVHS	Conducted a multi-site quality improvement study using a mentored implementation model to improve inpatient medication reconciliation at three rural VA hospitals. Performed data collect, data analysis, and interpretation to

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		Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Center	address barriers and facilitators to best medication practices for hospitalized rural Veterans.
Global Health Track			
Balsler, Jillian	Center of Excellence for Children in State Custody and the Department of Children’s Services <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Richard Epstein Associate Professor of Psychiatry	Created resource guide component of a training curriculum on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children for the Tennessee Department of Children’s Services. Liaised across sectors and organizations to encourage inter-agency collaboration in the development of the training module.
Bayham, Mary	Primeros Pasos <i>Quetzaltenango, Guatemala</i>	Jamie de Guzman Pet Development Director	Created a pre/post survey for the children of the Healthy Schools Education program and a data management and analysis plan. Wrote instruction manuals for survey administration and data entry.
Boehmer, Angela	Lwala Community Alliance <i>Lwala, Kenya</i>	Liz Chamberlain Partnerships & Reporting Officer	Worked to reduce child mortality through the evaluation and development of programming targeting malnutrition in Lwala, Kenya.
Graves, Erin	Friends in Global Health <i>Quelimane, Mozambique</i>	Yazalde Manuel Senior Officer	Conducted a baseline assessment of gender-based violence response and post-exposure prophylaxis completion rates in 12 district hospitals in Zambezia Province as part of the initial phase of Gender Based Violence Program Evaluation being implemented through a grant from CDC.
Hamilton, Erin	Instituto de Nutricion y Tecnologia de los Alimentos, Dr. Fernando Monckeberg Barros (INTA), Universidad de Chile <i>Santiago, Chile</i>	Isabel Zacarias Hasbún Associate Professor	Worked with Colacion BKN (“Cool Snack”), a school-based intervention designed to improve the nutritional health of students attending 12 public schools in low-income communes in the metropolitan region of Santiago. Created, translated, and distributed materials to assist in the evaluation of Year 3 of the program.
Hinshaw, Jessica	Manna Project International <i>Cedro Galan, Nicaragua</i>	Christina Palazzo Country Director	Conducted baseline nutrition assessment for 174 households and created a health promotion training guide for a new community health worker program in Cedro Galan, Nicaragua.
Hurt, Savannah	Guyana Ministry of Health, Surveillance Unit <i>Georgetown, Guyana</i>	Morris Edwards Director of Communicable Diseases, Guyana Ministry of Health	Conducted an analysis on Guyana HIV data and developed a report and presentation with the info. Went on daily site visits to clinics and hospitals with the Ministry of Health epidemiology nurses to collect surveillance data and troubleshoot with local data collectors.

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Maloney, Joey	Soles4Souls <i>Croix-des-Bouquets, Haiti</i>	Maria Wolever Project Manager	Conducted an impact study for the Soles4Souls partnership with the Haitian American Caucus. Collected data from women participating in the shoe microenterprise program in Haiti to measure the social and economic factors.
Piya, Bhinnata	Unite for Sight <i>New Haven, CT</i>	Lanch McCormick Executive Director	Cleaned and analyzed data related to Unite for Sight's partner eye clinics and outreach programs in India and Ghana.
Sheldon, Emily	Lwala Community Alliance <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Kelli Ross Development Associate Assistant to the Executive Director	Worked in Nashville office and focused on financial development by vetting over 50 grant opportunities and writing two grant applications. Used DonorPro software to set up cultivation tracks to maintain and increase donations from donor base.
Shemwell, Shellese	Soles4Souls <i>Croix-des-Bouquets, Haiti</i>	Maria Wolever Project Manager	Conducted an impact study for the Soles4Souls partnership with the Haitian American Caucus. Collected data from women participating in the shoe microenterprise program in Haiti to measure the social and economic factors. Created a manual for continued evaluation, and use in Honduras, Maldives, and Philippines.