

Epic Measures and the Global Burden of Disease

Readings:

Epic Measures: One Doctor. Seven Billion Patients.

Christopher Murray, 1994. "Quantifying the Burden of Disease: The Technical Basis for Disability-Adjusted Life Years." *Bulletin of the World Health Organization* 72:429-45.

Sudhir Anand and Kara Handon, 1997. "Disability-Adjusted Life Years: A Critical Review." *Journal of Health Economics* 16:685-702.

See also *Reimagining Global Health*, pages 225-234

Keywords:

Global Burden of Disease Project

DALYs

Guiding Questions:

What is a DALY?

How best can measures of health, such as the DALY or QALY, be reconciled with local experience? Are there alternative (or preferable) ways to quantify morbidity and mortality?

Who is Chris Murray?

How does Chris Murray's biography contribute to our understanding of how things "get done" in global health?

In what ways does the epidemiological project of the Global Burden of Disease study relate to the problems you intend to tackle in your final project?