Public health is an important field at all levels: local, state, national and global. Prevention and control of infectious disease, chronic disease and injury raise complex questions of law, policy and ethics. Bringing law and public health together in a multidisciplinary approach is needed to address critical issues such as vaccination mandates, concussion protocols, tobacco control, opioid use and obesity.

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