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When individual level health risk factors are to be seen as connected with broad-based living conditions—more specifically also referred to as social and structural determinants, known to be causing health disparities—using transdisciplinary approaches is a must. The latter should be seen as "a common conceptual framework to unite a variety of disciplines enabling the deepest collaboration across academic fields and with non-academic stakeholders" and surpasses inter-disciplinary collaboration. Interdisciplinary is "conventionally taken to exist between existing approaches while trans moved beyond them".

The majority of medical colleges across the globe, however, have not yet shifted their "exclusive focus" on individuals and many others are still in search of new educational models needed to understand the complexity of social and structural determinants. With fundamental knowledge storage based in the safety of longstanding university faculties and departments, transdisciplinary approaches are challenging institutional structures and traditions, making them more than a new educational method but a change agent at institutional level as well as the level of course content.