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i. the spatial distribution of disease,

ii. (geophysical correlates of cancer and other diseases, and

iii. the interplay between geographic and political, economic, cultural, and demographic dimensions of health care policy, planning and service delivery.

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