

TABLE 2.2
Challenges in Achieving a One Health System

Short-Term Challenges	Integrated Information Gathering and Outcomes: Ensuring records incorporate questions related to One Health issues such as zoonoses, travel, occupation/activities, and safety.
	Willingness to Embrace Change: Adopting new roles and embracing interprofessional collaborations, e.g., expanding the role of social workers in veterinary health teams.
	Solutions to Time Constraints: Developing solutions to the time demands veterinary professionals face to allow for implementation of One Health protocols.
Long-Term Challenges	Commitment to Integrate: Achieving support for building a unified One Health strategy across health disciplines, academia, private sector, and government requires long-term commitment.
	Evolution of Information Exchange and IT Systems: Developing robust, secure IT systems for seamless information exchange between human and veterinary health services where needed and as appropriate that comply with legal standards across health care domains.
	Education: Enhancing public health education and training for a variety of roles in veterinary medicine, including more robust training for credentialed veterinary technicians (CrVTs).
	Holistic Treatment Approaches: Establishing veterinary guidelines and protocols for treating families holistically, considering both human and animal health.
	Financial Support and Assistance: Developing financial support mechanisms to make veterinary and human health care affordable and accessible, especially for underserved communities.

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