



### **Traditional African Bonesetters and Western Medical Practitioners** Fractured Patient Care Systems in Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana and Zimbabwe

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