

# Screening for and Collecting Social Determinants of Health

## **SDOH and the Important Role of Family Medicine**

The American Academy of Family Physicians prioritizes:



Training family physicians to address health disparities and SDOH because they impact individuals, families, and communities



Developing a robust family medicine workforce that is inclusive and representative of the underrepresented



Positioning family physicians as leaders in advancing racial equity

#### 60% of Family Physicians Are Screening Patients for Social Needs and Making Referrals to Social Services Resources

Family physicians are collaborating with partners to address SDOH issues:



Community-based organizations



Health insurers



Philanthropic organizations

#### Suggestions for a team-based approach to addressing SDOH:



Define key SDOH terms



Develop a culture of health equity



Evaluate health information technology systems



Promote buy-in from stakeholders



Create an implementation plan

## What are social determinants of health?

Social determinants of health (SDOH) include where people are born, live, learn, work, play, worship, and age that affect a wide range of health and quality of life outcomes and risks.

When SDOH data is appropriately collected, used, and securely shared, it can play a critical role in improving health and healthcare outcomes.

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