

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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