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The goal of **health equity** is everybody having the same opportunity to improve their health.

A **health disparity** is a preventable difference between different groups of people in

- health status
- pain and suffering
- rates of disease, disability, injury, and violence
- lifespan, life expectancy, or mortality
- access to health care
- and other measures.

Populations affected by health disparities contend with social, economic, and environmental disadvantages. For some groups of people, health disparities are also a legacy of discrimination, exclusion, and/or policy.

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Some Places to Begin

- [Beyond Health Care: The Role of Social Determinants in Promoting Health and Health Equity](#)
Kaiser Family Foundation issue brief, 2015
- [Health Disparities: MedlinePlus](#)
- [Health Equity](#)
Boston Public Health Commission
- [The Lalonde Report](#)
Officially, "A New Perspective on the Health of Canadians." Seminal document (1974) in health promotion. Proposed lifestyle & environment as factors affecting health.
- [Let's Talk: Health Equity](#)
National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health, 2013 [Canada]
- [Social Determinants of Health](#)
Canadian Medical Association

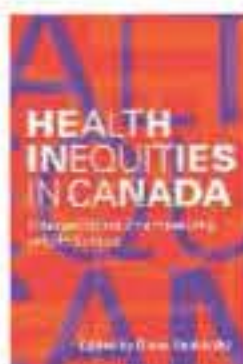
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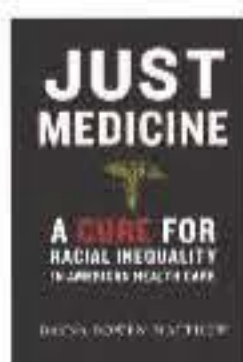
Health Disparities in the United States by Donald A. Barr
Call Number: RA 418.3 .U6 B37 2014



Health Inequality: An Introduction to Concepts, Theories and Methods by Mel Bartley
Call Number: RA 418 .B366 2017



Health Inequities in Canada: Intersectional Frameworks and Practices by Olena Hankivsky (Editor)
Call Number: RA 449 .H424 2011



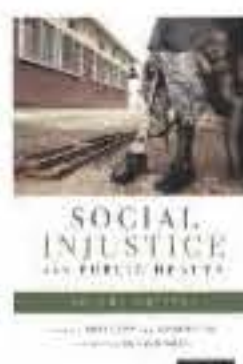
Just Medicine: A Cure for Racial Inequality in American Health Care by Dayna Bowen Matthew
Publication Date: 2015



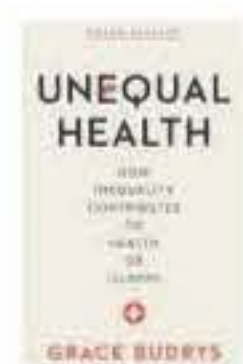
Poverty and Health: A Crisis Among America's Most Vulnerable by Kevin Michael Fitzpatrick (Editor)
Publication Date: 2013



Social Epidemiology by Lisa F. Berkman (Editor); Ichiro Kawachi (Editor); M. Maria Glymour (Editor)
Call Number: RA 418 .S64228 2014



Social Injustice and Public Health by Barry S. Levy (Editor); Victor W. Sidel (Editor)
Call Number: RA 418 .S6423 2013



Unequal Health: How Inequality Contributes to Health or Illness by Grace Budrys
Call Number: RA 418 .B83 2017



Visualizing Health Equity: One Size Does Not Fit All Infographic by RWJF on RWJF.org



• [Auto-generated transcript for "One County, One Doctor"](#)



• [Auto-generated transcript for "Shifting the Public Health Paradigm"](#)



• [Auto-generated transcript for "Unequal - social inequalities in health"](#)

Other Sites of Interest

- [Health Equity: Why It Matters, and How To Take Action](#) - RWJF Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- [HSRIC: Health Disparities](#)
News, tools, & more from Health Services Research Information Central at the U.S. National Library of Medicine
- [National Collaborating Centre for Aboriginal Health \(NCCA\)H](#)
Canada
- [Office of Health Equity](#)
Part of the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration
- [State Health Disparities Legislation and Minority Health Issues](#)
Statistics & reports on racial & ethnic health disparities from the National Conference of State Legislatures

Analysis

Maine Health Access Foundation (MeHAF) data briefs & analyses include a statewide view of rural health, rural health profiles of each county, and more:

- [Low-Income, Uninsured Mainers Face Substantial Challenges Getting Health Care](#)
- [Mental Health Status and Access to Health Care Services for Adults in Maine](#)

U.S.

Kaiser Family Foundation materials include:

- [Disparities in Health and Health Care: Five Key Questions and Answers](#)
- [Eliminating Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Health Care: What are the Options?](#)
- [Health and Access to Care and Coverage for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender \(LGBT\) Individuals in the U.S.](#)
- [Health and Health Care for American Indians and Alaska Natives \(AIANs\)](#)
- [Health and Health Care for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders \(NHOPIs\) in the United States](#)
- [Health and Health Care for Blacks in the United States](#)
- [Health and Health Care for Hispanics in the United States](#)
- [Health Coverage of Immigrants](#)
- [Living in an Immigrant Family in America: How Fear and Toxic Stress are Affecting Daily Life, Well-Being, & Health](#)

Other resources:

- [The Association Between Income and Life Expectancy in the United States, 2001-2014](#)
The Health Inequality Project, 2016
- [Health Disparities and People with Disabilities](#)
American Association on Health and Disability, 2011
- [A New Way to Talk About the Social Determinants of Health](#)
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, 2010. Bridging the gap between academe & communities while minimizing political perspectives and agendas.
- [Rural Health Disparities](#)
Rural Health Information Hub

Canada

- [Colour Coded Health Care: The Impact of Race and Racism on Canadians' Health](#)
- [Ensuring Equitable Access to Care: Strategies for Governments, Health System Planners, and the Medical Profession](#)
Canadian Medical Association Position Statement [2013?]
- [Health Care in Canada: What Makes us Sick?](#)
Canadian Medical Association Town Hall Report, July 2013. Summarizes public discussions on social determinants of health. Lists recommendations for further action.
- [Thirteen Public Interventions in Canada That Have Contributed to a Reduction in Health Inequalities](#)
National Collaborating Centre for Healthy Public Policy, 2010