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ILLUMINATION SERIES

The Political Determinants of Health

Thursday April 29
12–1 p.m. PST
Live Virtual Event

Health outcomes begin before the bedside, by the upstream decisions that govern access, resources, and power. The political determinants of health are the policies, systems, and civic forces that strongly influence the downstream social and clinical conditions we work to address every day.

You will be guided to:

- Build a clear, usable framework to define, identify, and leverage the political determinants of health within your sphere of influence.
- Name and track key health equity concepts across American legislative history, highlighting pivotal moments and provisions that have shaped equity, access, and outcomes over time.
- Translate insight into practice, strengthening your ability to confidently elevate health equity concerns in clinical and professional **spaces.**

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