UVA HEALTH SYSTEM EQUITY COALITION

ASSOCIATED UVA HEALTH SYSTEM GOALS

TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONAL CLINICAL CARE
 TO BECOME THE SAFEST PLACE TO RECEIVE CARE

The UVA Health System Equity Coalition is a system-wide quality initiative to identify and address health disparities among patients receiving their care at UVA. There are three primary efforts that define the Coalition's work. First, optimizing the collection of patient data regarding race, ethnicity and primary language (REaL), as well as sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI). Next, assessing disparities in key health outcomes among our patients. Finally, developing a system to effectively identify and address patient health-related social needs.



Focus on improving the collection of REaL and SOGI data. Assess how these data are currently collected through clinic observations. Review existing standard work across clinic sites for collecting these data. Identify accepted best practices in collecting these data. Aim of modernizing and optimizing our standard work to reflect health equity best practices.

Key Partners

- Be Safe Initiative
- Health Equity, Law and Policy Research (HELPR) Laboratory



Create opportunities to optimize UVA population service line performance in achieving goal outcomes. Reviewing mortality rate, 30-day readmissions and potentially avoidable hospitalizations to identify differences in these outcomes by race, ethnicity, primary language and sex. Develop an Equity Dashboard to systematically monitor differences in outcomes.

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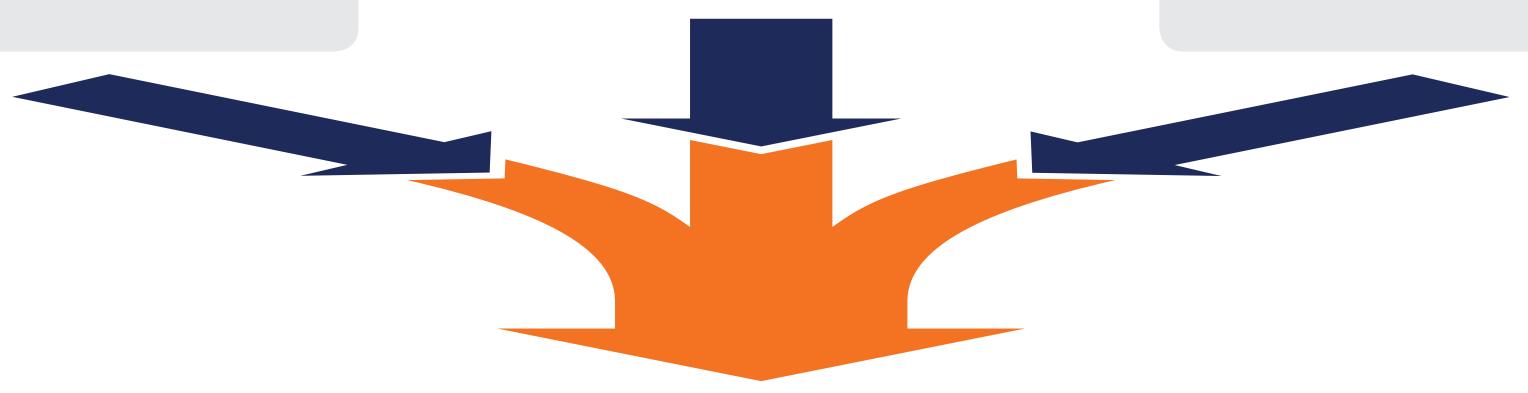
- Analytics and Performance Management, UVA Medical Center
- Department of Public Health
 Sciences, Division of Biostatistics
- Population Service Line Leadership



Determine best approach within our health system of collecting patient information regarding social determinants of health. Implement efforts to consistently and reliable collect data on patient health-related social needs. Connect patients with identified health-related social needs to community-based resources to help augment factors that can negatively impact health.

Key Partners

- UVA Center for Health Policy
- Director of Community Health, UVA Health System
- UVA Equity Initiative



With support from UVA Medical Center CEO Pamela Sutton-Wallace, these three, interrelated efforts are made actionable through key operational mechanisms within the health system to improve patient outcomes, access to community resources, and to ultimately eliminate health disparities.

