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| Title | **Health Disparities and Health Equity** |
| Purpose: | To develop a knowledge base regarding health disparities, their underlying causes, and the opportunities and challenges for achieving health equity. |
| Objectives | By the end of the session, learners will be able to:   1. Analyze the concepts of disparities in health and health equity. 2. Assess the range of disparities and their relative impact on population health. 3. Assess the underlying causes of health and health care disparities in the U.S. 4. Evaluate the impact of community-oriented primary care on health disparities. |
| Required reading(s) | Smedley, BD, Stith, AY, Nelson, AR. (2003). *Unequal Treatment Confronting Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Healthcare.* Institute of Medicine. The National Academies Press, Washington, DC. 1-29.  Hebert, PL, et al. (2008). When Does A Difference Become A Disparity? Conceptualizing Racial And Ethnic Disparities In Health. *Health Affairs*, 27(2): 374-382.  Beal. A. et al. (2007). Closing the Divide: How Medical Homes Promote Equity in Health Care. Commonwealth Fund.  CDC Health Disparities and Inequalities Report Fact Sheet 2011. |
| Additional sources | None |
| Discussion Questions | 1. What are the major health disparities that exist in the US and globally? 2. What are the major factors that contribute to health and health care disparities? 3. How does the current health system in the US prevent or promote health equity? 4. Where are the greatest opportunities to advance health equity? |