

# More than Skin Deep: The Pervasive Nature of Racism as a Social Driver of Health

*Monday, July 15, 2024 9:00 AM (1 hour)*

This presentation explores the multifaceted factors influencing health disparities, particularly among African Americans. It examines the impact of geography, policy, economic stability, neighborhood conditions, health-care access, and social drivers on health outcomes. By highlighting historical and structural roots, such as the racial wealth gap and systemic racism, the presentation underscores the pervasive nature of social and economic inequities. Key concepts like regional social deprivation and vulnerability indexes are introduced to understand the syndemic nature of health disparities. Through case studies and data analysis, it emphasizes the need to address systemic inequalities to achieve equitable health outcomes.

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