

Transcending impasses in health disparities research: can complex systems approaches help?

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This presentation will review some of the current challenges in understanding the determinants of health disparities (and population health more generally) and outline the ways in which complex systems thinking may be useful. It will provide illustrative examples of the types of questions to which these approaches have been applied. The presentation will conclude with a discussion of some of the challenges ahead.



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