**Social Determinants of Health Awareness Campaign Results**

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SPN’s Healthcare Policy and Advocacy Committee (HPAC) recently hosted a social media campaign in March that was on LinkedIn and X (formerly known as Twitter). The campaign was focused on Social Determinants of Health (SDOH). The campaign ran for 5 weeks with a survey question each week and links to additional resources. The HPAC’s goals included solicitation of information specific to pediatric nurses’ awareness of social determinants of health to help identify gaps and to also increase awareness through dialogue and access to existing resources. The committee will be using this data as we consider additional advocacy education around the role of pediatric nurses within SDOH. We appreciate all who participated.

Here is what we heard from respondents.

1. Are you familiar with social determinants of health (SDOH) for pediatric patients?
2. How do SDOH impact your daily practice as a pediatric nurse?

* 92% of respondents stated they adapt their care in some way to accommodate for issues related to social determinants of health
* While a couple people who responded were not sure how SDOH impact their practice
* Only one person felt this was someone else’s role to address

1. Which of the following conditions are related to SDOH?
   * Ashma
   * Diabetes
   * Obesity
   * All of the above
2. How do you respond when you have a pediatric patient that presents with a SDOH issue?
   * 63% of respondents notify a care coordinator
   * 19% flag this in the electronic health record
   * 14% follow whatever their employer policy requires
   * 4% responded they are unsure what to do
3. What are you most interested in learning about as it relates to pediatric SDOH?

* Majority of the respondents (52%) said they wanted more information on specifics related to pediatrics while just under a third of respondents (30%) wanted more examples of implementation for interventions related to SDOH
* A few others (12%) said information on assessing SDOH in a clinical area and a general overview would be of interest to a few (6%) respondents as well

*Limitations of the survey questions: Questions only allowed one response to be selected when maybe more than one was applicable and the surveys were limited to only 4 responses without an “Other” or free text category option.*

The social media campaign also provided some additional resources and articles for respondents to access for more information. Those resources are provided for additional information as desired.

**Resources:**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2022). Social Determinants of Health at CDC. Retrieved from: [Social Determinants of Health at CDC | About | CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/about/sdoh/index.html) (https://www.cdc.gov/about/sdoh)

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SPN sponsored webinar from March 14th, 2024: Equity Starts Early: Understanding Social Determinants of Health, with Tiffany Ferguson and Marie Stinebuck. Access this via the SPN website: [Society of Pediatric Nurses: Equity Starts Early: Understanding Social Determinants of Health (pedsnurses.org)](https://learning.pedsnurses.org/products/equity-starts-early-understanding-social-determinants-of-health#tab-product_tab_overview)

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