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Social risks: Do patients want health systems to help?

SONNET study looks at patients' social risks and their desire for assistance



A new [SONNET study in Annals of Family Medicine](#) sheds light on the prevalence of social risks faced by many Americans – and looks at whether patients want help from their health care organization to address these risks. Led by Leah Tuzzio, MPH, of Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute, the study found that nearly half of participants had at least one social risk – and that most thought health systems should play a role in addressing patients' social risks. [READ MORE](#)

[Watch our short video on study findings.](#)

How health systems can advance social risk-informed care

New report offers 21 recommendations to help KP and other health systems tailor care in the context of patients' social risks



Stephanie Fitzpatrick and Dea Papajorgji-Taylor

SONNET recently released [results from a social risk-informed care evaluation \(PDF\)](#) led by Stephanie Fitzpatrick, PhD, and her colleague at Kaiser Permanente Northwest Center for Health Research, Dea Papajorgji-Taylor, MPH. The report synthesizes the latest evidence, interviews with Kaiser Permanente leaders and providers, and focus groups with members from all 8 regions — and provides 21 specific recommendations for effectively implementing social risk-informed care. [READ MORE](#)

New resources

Community Resource Specialist Integration Playbook

Are you and your teams exploring ways to identify and assist patients with social needs like food, housing, and transportation? [The Community Resource Specialist Integration Playbook \(PDF\)](#) includes a comprehensive set of best practices for building a Community Resource Specialists (CRS) role into primary care. The playbook is based on work to [implement and evaluate the CRS role](#) at Kaiser Permanente Washington.



Events and opportunities

Happening TOMORROW! SONNET presentations at HCSRN 2022

If you're attending the [Health Care Systems Research Network \(HCSRN\) annual meeting](#) in Pasadena, check out either of these two SONNET panel presentations, both of which will be held Tuesday, April 12, at 3:45 p.m.:

- **Screening for Social Needs within Health Systems: Feasibility of Screening, Patient Preferences, and Prevalence of Needs**, presented by SONNET Evaluation and Research Committee (ERC) members Meagan Brown, Tina Davis, and Nancy Weinfield.
- **Exploring Strategies to Address Patient Social Risks in an Integrated Healthcare Delivery Setting on**, presented by SONNET ERC members Cheryl Kelly and Claudia Nau, along with our SONNET colleague Dea Papajorgji-Taylor.

Career opportunities in social health

[Kaiser Permanente's National Office of Community Health](#) is hiring 4 evaluation consultants. (Remote work is possible for all positions, but you must live in one of KP's 8 regions.)

- [Senior Evaluation Consultant](#) (1 open position): This role works in partnership with the Kaiser Permanente's National Social Health Practice team to build evidence and measure what works to have the greatest impact on the health of our members and communities.
- [Evaluation & Measurement Consultant](#) (3 open positions): This role includes planning and oversight of Kaiser Permanente Community Health program evaluations, including design, data collection, reporting, and dissemination.

Health equity meeting and call for proposals from our partners at SIREN

In September and October, our partners at the [Social Interventions Research and Evaluation Network](#) (SIREN) will hold a free virtual event: [National Research Meeting: Racial Health Equity in Social Care](#).

- [Submit a proposal by April 22](#): SIREN has issued a Call for Proposals for 50-minute meeting sessions and 12-minute research presentations at this event. SIREN particularly encourages submissions from people with lived experience of racism and economic challenges and/or that shed light on the experiences and perspectives of people with these lived experiences.
- This multi-part research meeting will take place **September 15, September 27, and October 12** from 9 a.m. to noon PT (noon to 3 p.m. ET). [Sign up for the SIREN newsletter](#) to be alerted when registration opens for the event.

Stay in touch

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