

Partnerships to promote health equity for patients and incorporating into medical education: our experience as faculty physicians

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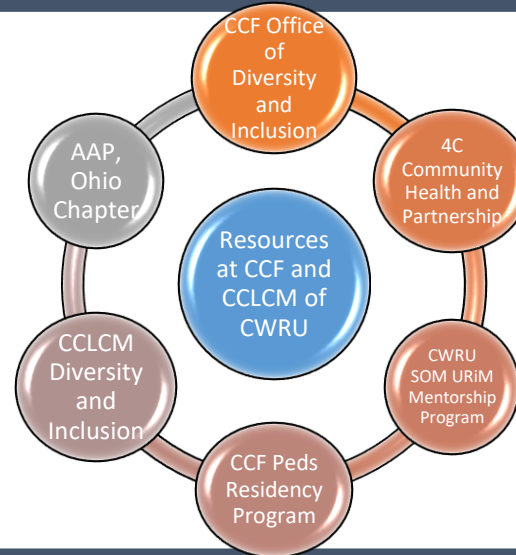
Introduction and Rationale

- Health equity is defined as the attainment of the highest level of health for all people and requires focused and ongoing societal efforts to address avoidable inequalities, and the elimination of health and health care disparities.
- ACGME expects trainees to have opportunity to participate in quality improvement (QI) initiatives aimed at reducing health care disparities.
- Increasing diversity in the physician workforce positively impacts health care access and patient outcomes.

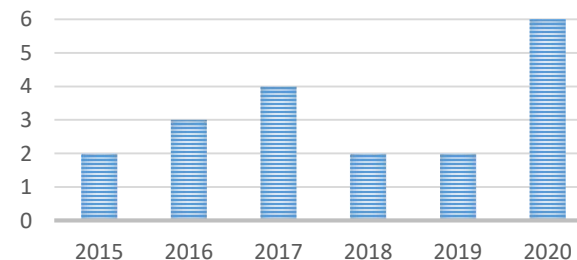
Goals and Objectives

- Identify resources available at our Institution to find support for design, development and carrying out community outreach activities that promote health equity and lessen disparities among minority groups.
- Understand the role that diversity, equity and inclusion programs within academic medical centers play in developing mentorship opportunities for minority and underrepresented in medicine students and trainees.

Identified Partnerships for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion



CCF Pediatric Residents conducting QI projects aimed at reducing health care disparities



- Topics
- Limited English proficiency
 - Lead toxicity
 - Gun safety
 - Mental health screening
 - Food insecurity

Lessons learned, Impact and Future Direction

- Resources for partnership and collaboration are available:
 - Within your Institution
 - Important emphasis on links to community
 - Training/education programs at all levels
 - Within professional societies
 - Identify quality metrics/indicators that are a priority statewide
- Healthcare system culture of safety and quality improvement has an impact on compliance with ACGME Residency requirements.
- Area of opportunity: collaboration between undergraduate and graduate medical education training programs to ensure curricula on social determinants of health are developed and incorporated.

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