

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Advancing health equity: strategies and successes

Views from today's leading experts on strategies to advance health equity

Current state

Healthcare is only one predictor of an individual's health – other social determinants have an impact on the health of an individual and exist outside the walls of where healthcare is provided. For example, inequalities in life expectancy among counties across the U.S. are large and growing. This variation in life expectancy can be explained by differences in socioeconomic and race/ethnicity, healthcare factors and as well as behavioral and metabolic risk factors.¹

Discussions among Member Networks providers surrounding health equity and reducing disparities have been robust. This executive summary provides actionable insights from Member Networks' providers across the country in three areas of intervention: patients, people and community.

Actionable insights

Figure 1 highlights actionable insights across three areas of intervention that providers have shared through discussions, presentations and peer learning at various events nationwide. A full description of these examples is shared in the full report, along with additional resources available exclusively to Vizient® Member Networks participants.

Figure 1: Catalog of provider examples



Patients

- Acute care at home
- Systemwide implementation of a social determinants of health program
- Addressing racial and ethnic disparities through data quality enhancement
- Clinical trial equity: achieving representation and improving outcomes for all



People

- Diversity, equity and inclusion: the path to meeting a mission and building a workforce
- The path to health equity: understanding the organizational impact
- Developing a diversity playbook
- Partnering with historically black colleges and universities to develop and diversify the future workforce
- Community health worker models



Community

- Successful partnerships driving innovation and improving community health
- Investing in high social need zip codes
- Social solutions: a focus on food and housing



Related resources

[Learn more](#) about Vizient's approach to leveraging data and insights to evaluate and reduce disparities. Additional resources include:

- [Vizient Vulnerability Index™](#), the only publicly available social needs index to identify specific factors of health inequity at a hyperlocal census tract level
- [Executive guidebook: a comprehensive guide on leveraging data to support and engage your workforce](#)
- [Case study: Learn how one academic medical center system advances health equity](#)
- [American Journal of Medical Quality article highlights the power of the Vizient Clinical Data Base](#)
- [Future Hospital or Hospital of the Future? Incorporating Inclusion and Diversity for Greater Health Equity](#)
- [CEO Spotlight: How healthcare leaders can harness high performance principles](#)
- [Shining a light on disparities in mental health treatments](#)
- [ESG Impact Spend](#)

Source:

1. [Inequalities in Life Expectancy Among US Counties, 1980 to 2014: Temporal Trends and Key Drivers - PubMed \(nih.gov\)](#)

The complete compendium of insights is available to Vizient Member Networks providers. [Contact us](#) to learn more about joining [Member Networks](#).

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