

Examining The History, Consequences, and Effects of Race-Based Clinical Algorithms on Health Equity: A Workshop

Committee

Winston F. Wong

Chair

Dr. Winston Wong is a Scholar-in-Residence at the Kaiser Permanente UCLA for Health Equity with a four-decade history of addressing health equity as a clinician, medical director, officer of the U.S. Public Health Service, physician executive, non-profit Board director, federal advisor, and philanthropic leader. He currently leads the National Council of Asian Pacific Islander Physicians after a 17-year career as Medical Director, Community Benefit for Kaiser Permanente. Anchored by his experiences as an FQHC physician serving residents in Oakland Chinatown, Dr. Wong has led national efforts to advance cultural competence and access to marginalized populations, including chair of the DHHS Advisory Committee on Minority Health. An Associate of the National Research Council, Dr. Wong served on the NASEM's Board on Population Health and Public Health Practice and NASEM committees addressing the Future of Nursing and the Intersection of Public Health and Primary Care. A graduate of the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine, Dr. Wong's professional contributions have been recognized by the California Primary Care Association, Asian Health Services, the American Journal of Public Health, Latino Health Access, the AT Still School of Osteopathy and Congresswoman Barbara Lee.

Alicia J. Cohen

Member

Alicia Cohen, MD, MSc, FAAFP is a family physician and health services researcher. She is an Investigator at the VA Center of Innovation in Long Term Services and Supports, and an Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Health Services, Policy, and Practice at the Brown University Alpert Medical School and School of Public Health. Dr. Cohen practices primary care at the VA Providence's Homeless clinic and Women's Health clinic. Her research aims to understand and improve patient, community, health system, and structural-level processes to identify and address adverse social determinants of health and advance health equity. She has published extensively on social determinants of health and social care integration, food insecurity, and health disparities, and her work has been cited in Congressional testimony on Veteran and military hunger. She serves on the VA Health Equity Coalition, the Research Advisory Committee for the Social Interventions Research and Evaluation Network (SIREN), and the Government Affairs & Public Policy Committee for the national anti-hunger nonprofit Mazon. Dr. Cohen earned her MD from the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and completed her family medicine residency at UCSF-Santa Rosa. She was a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholar at the University of Michigan, during which time she earned her MSc in Health and Health Care Research. She is a James C. Puffer/American Board of Family Medicine Fellow with the National Academy of Medicine, and a VA Fellow on the National Academies' Roundtable on the Promotion of Health Equity.

Justin Matthew List

Member

Justin List, MD, MAR, MSc, FACP is Director of Health Care Outcome in the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Office of Health Equity, Clinical Instructor in the Department of Internal Medicine at Yale School of Medicine, and a primary care general internist. His prior roles include Chief Quality Officer of NYC Health + Hospitals/Gotham Health, Assistant Vice President in the NYC Health + Hospitals/Office of Ambulatory Care and Population Health, and Director of Clinical and Scientific Affairs in the NYC Health Department Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention and Tobacco Control. Dr. List focuses on driving equity-guided quality improvement strategies across VHA and works with internal stakeholders to eliminate racial bias in clinical algorithmic decision support tools. He was one of the founding steering committee members of the NYC Health + Hospitals Equity & Access Council. He is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and has received awards including the Early Career Achievement Alumni Award from Stritch School of Medicine and the Navin Narayan Award for Achievement in Health and Human Rights Student Activism from Physicians for Human Rights. Dr. List has advanced degree training in ethics and health services research. He completed his internal medicine residency training in the Yale Internal Medicine-Primary Care Program and fellowship training in the Robert Wood Johnson/VA Clinical Scholars Program at the University of Michigan.

K. Aletha Maybank

Member

Aletha Maybank, MD, MPH currently serves as the Chief Health Equity Officer and Senior Vice President for the American Medical Association (AMA) where she focuses on embedding health equity across all the work of the AMA and leading the Center for Health Equity. She joined the AMA in April 2019, as their inaugural Chief Health Equity Officer. Dr. Maybank previously served as Founding Director for the Center for Health Equity at the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (2014) and the Office of Minority Health in the Suffolk County Department of Health Services (2006). She is a nationally recognized speaker, writer and advisor on issues related to health equity, the future of medicine, and public health impact.

Ernest Moy

Member

Ernest Moy is the Executive Director of the VHA Office of Health Equity. This office manages and supports efforts to understand and reduce disparities in health and health care affecting Veterans. Currently, the office is coordinating analyses and messaging related to disparities in testing and treatment among Veterans and building tools to address structural bias, discrimination, and social determinants of health.

Prior to joining VHA, he was a Medical Officer in the Office of Analysis and Epidemiology at the National Center for Health Statistics of the CDC. At CDC, he studied rural health disparities, analyzed linked hospital-vital statistics data to identify care patterns that placed patients at high risk for opioid poisoning death, and developed new data visualizations and partnerships for disseminating health statistics.

Prior to CDC, he was a Division Director in the Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety at AHRQ and produced the National Healthcare Quality and Disparities Report, submitted annually to Congress, and related web tools. He has also worked as an Assistant Vice President at the Association of American Medical Colleges, Assistant Professor at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, and Emergency Care Physician at the Baltimore VAMC.

Ernest is a graduate of Harvard College, New York University School of Medicine, and Columbia University School of Public Health. Following internal medicine residency, he was a general internal medicine fellow at Columbia University and a Robert Wood Johnson Health Care Finance fellow at Johns Hopkins University.

Ernest's research interests include disparities in access and quality of care, particularly the application of electronic health records, machine learning, and systems science modeling to improve health care. He was selected to serve as the first Academy Health Innovator-in-Residence and on a team that won an award at the 2019 MIT DC Grand Hack.

Reginald Tucker-Seeley

Member

Dr. Tucker-Seeley is currently the Vice-President of Health Equity at ZERO-The End of Prostate Cancer. In this role, he leads the development and implementation of ZERO's health equity strategy to reduce racial/ethnic and place-based disparities in prostate cancer. Dr. Tucker-Seeley completed master and doctoral degrees in public health at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (HSPH) and a postdoctoral fellowship in cancer prevention and control at HSPH and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute (DFCI). His research has focused on social determinants of health across the life course, such as the association between the neighborhood environment and health behavior; and on individual-level socioeconomic determinants of multi-morbidity, mortality, self-rated physical, mental, and oral health. His research has also investigated the association of financial hardship with health across the cancer continuum from prevention to end-of-life care.

Dr. Tucker-Seeley has a longstanding interest in the impact of health policy and social policy on racial/ethnic minorities and across socioeconomic groups. He has experience working on local and state level health disparities policy, and he has developed and taught courses focused on measuring and reporting health disparities. In 2017-2018, Dr. Tucker-Seeley was a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow with a placement in the United States Senate. Prior to joining ZERO, he was the inaugural holder of the Edward L. Schneider chair in gerontology and Assistant Professor in the Leonard Davis School of Gerontology at the University of Southern California (USC). Prior to joining USC, he was an Assistant Professor of Social and Behavioral Sciences at DFCI and HSPH.