Health In Context:
Addressing Structural Factors That Impact Health

Foundations of Clinical Medicine/Clinical Immersion

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First Attempts and Call to Action

• What Impacts Health
• Identity Iceberg
• Pilot – Danger of a Single Story

• We were further called to:
  • Explicitly talk and teach about racism as a contributor to health
Health In Context Series

• Identity Iceberg
• Community Visit

• The Health Imperative

• What Impacts Health
• Danger of a Single Story
• Talking Across Difference
Identity Iceberg
Community Visits
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1. Healthy Places
2. Community Demographics
3. Healthy Behaviors
4. Who Lives Here and Why?
The Health Imperative

- Health as a human right
- Disparity, inequality, and inequity
- Structural factors
  - exploitative and exclusionary systems in society, which influence patterns of unequal health outcomes.
- Ecosocial model
What Impacts Health

• Health care ecology
• How systems structure opportunities, exposures and access to medical care
• Ecosocial model (embodiment)
• Contributors to health
Danger of a Single Story
Talking Across Difference

• Perspective-taking
• Approach to challenging conversations
• Relationship-based conflict and misattribution bias
Your thoughts

Reflections on what we’ve included in this curriculum
Perspectives - Students

• MS1 who experienced new curriculum

• MS2 who experienced initial efforts
Perspectives – Content Experts

• Complex material

• Balancing accessibility vs. superficiality
Perspectives – Learning Communities Educators

- High stakes discussions
- Anxiety of not being a content expert
- Modeling
Your thoughts

Reflections on the different perspectives and stakeholders
Small Group Discussion and Debrief

• Factors that impact the individual doctor-patient relationship
  • Identity Iceberg
  • Danger of a Single Story
Small Group Discussion and Debrief

• Structural factors that impact the health of patients
  • Health Imperative
  • What Impacts Health

• Community Visits
• Talking Across Difference
Wrapping Up

Turning around on the moving walkway