SOCIAL DETERMINANTS AND SOCIAL NEEDS: MOVING BEYOND MIDSTREAM

STRATEGIES

Improve Community Conditions

COMMUNITY IMPACT

TACTICS

Laws, policies, and regulations that create community conditions supporting health for all people.

INDIVIDUAL IMPACT

Addressing Individuals’ Social Needs

upstream

Individual Impact

Include patient screening questions about social factors like housing and food access; use data to inform care and provide referrals.

Providing Clinical Care

midstream

Social workers, community health workers, and/or community-based organizations providing direct support/assistance to meet patients’ social needs

downstream

Medical interventions

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