

Messages from IPA Members (new column)

Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) Network

Social factors have a major impact on physical and mental health, but not enough is being done about them in our research, training, or clinical practice. Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) include childhood adverse experiences and trauma; supportive social connections; stigma and discrimination; employment; and access to transportation, housing, food, and internet, among other factors. A newly established SDoH Network, a dedicated nonprofit foundation, seeks to promote tools that practitioners can use today to help address the social factors that affect patients' health and well-being, while also advocating for changes in health systems. Dilip Jeste, M.D. is the Director of the Network; Charles Reynolds III, M.D., is Secretary General; Eric Rafla-Yuan, M.D., is Treasurer; and Heather Leutwyler, R.N., Ph.D., is Newsletter Editor. There is a 21-member multidisciplinary international Advisory Board. The Network aims to make the assessment and management of SDoH a reality in psychiatry and not just an aspiration.

The Network's website is <https://SocialDeterminantsOfHealthNetwork.org>. The Network conducts monthly educational webinars that are free. We encourage all the IPA members to join the Network.



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