

# **Embedding Social Determinants of Health into Ambulatory Clinic Standard Work**

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## **Abstract**

The ability of patients to successfully manage their own healthcare can have challenges outside the clinical realm. Food insecurity can impact the physical and psychological state of an individual, and many patients feel the need to choose between paying for food and paying for medication. Transportation to and from healthcare sites can be challenging, as delays or missed encounters for care contributing to negative clinical outcomes. These and other Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) have a significant impact on the ability of a clinical best practice to achieve its desired outcome at the patient level. This poster strives to educate on how the University of Texas Medical Branch is working to make the questions for SDoH a part of standard work to better identify and support those patients in need.

## **Keywords**

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