

The Partners for Advancing Health Equity Collaborative hosted the 2022 Summit, *On the Front Lines of Equity & Justice*, December 4–6, 2022. The summit brought together leaders in health equity and justice for an in-depth learning experience designed to build a foundation and to foster collaboration across sectors to promote action in advancing health equity in research, practice, and policy. This report provides a synthesis of key takeaways from the session, *Measuring Progress on Health Equity: How do We Get There? How Do we Know We Are Getting There?*

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Key Takeaways

Operationalize equity as the just and fair allocation of resources according to need in a way that preventable or avoidable differences are minimized. Health equity describes the absence of these avoidable differences in health outcomes among groups of people, regardless of geographic location, rurality, economic status, or social standing.

Integrate all factors (resource allocation, socioeconomic status, asset generation) for high-quality measurement of health equity. High-quality measurement leverages understanding of underlying factors, and all available data, using a variety of data collection techniques and types of data. Health equity outcomes must be analyzed within historical foundations of large-scale gaps in resources between the “haves” and the “have nots.” The large-scale gaps were intentionally created, which then creates the inequities experienced by populations living with marginalization. For example, racial resource gaps have led to racial health gaps.

Recognize the contributions of public health professionals in achieving health equity. Public health professionals play a key role in achieving health equity by generating meaningful solutions and keeping health equity and the root causes of health inequities at the forefront of policy discussions. The advocacy of these professionals can lead to meaningful structural and policy changes which must take place in order to achieve health equity for all.

Address resource inequities to broadly tackle health inequities. The social determinants of health agenda can be the glue that addresses resource and health inequities. The [Data, Social Determinants, and Better Decision-Making for Health: The Report of the 3-D Commission](#) argues for an ecosystem of measurement that has inputs on resources available to all people while simultaneously looking at health. This includes making it clear that racial resource gaps including limited income and education become racial health gaps. Failure to link health and resource inequities perpetuating disparate health outcomes.

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What did you think of this topic? Would you like to hear more from these speakers? Do you have any resources you would like to share with us? [Email us!](#)