



Building a comprehensive SDOH screening and response model within a health system

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Part 1—Screen: Building an Integrated SDOH Screening Process

- There is no one size fits all approach to screening. Capturing SDOH risk within your population requires using multiple platforms in various ways.
- Consider the patient; do not burden them with screening multiple times a year, and only add a risk domain question when help is available.
- Develop an SDOH screening council and communicate changes within the screening process to the appropriate staff.

Part 2—Connect: Building Bridges from Health Care to Social Care

- Identify multiple ways to engage and connect patients with services and resources to address health-related social needs, including direct engagement with health system staff, partnerships and programs with community-based organizations, and e-referral platforms.
- Research and network with community-based organizations offering services and programs that patients may connect to or that your health system may leverage or enhance.
- Consider deploying dedicated public health employees, such as Community Health Workers; these trained professionals engage and address patient social needs in multiple ways.

Part 3—Assess: Building a Data Process for Reporting, Research and More

- Understand the goals of the analytics process before the screening; it can help identify how and what needs to be asked in an SDOH survey.
- Know how to conduct research and evaluate the SDOH framework and its impact.
- Involve everyone in developing tools, research, and/or in the program evaluation, and educate others on how to read and interpret related reports.