Social Determinants and Smoking Cessation

The Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences’ i-BSHS (Innovations in Behavioral and Social Health Sciences) lecture series fosters collaborative discussion on innovative behavioral and social science-based approaches to improving population health.

Health and health behaviors such as smoking cessation are highly patterned on a socioeconomic gradient. Healthy People 2020 defines the social determinants of health as the “conditions in the environments in which people are born, live, learn, work, play, worship, and age.” Examples of social determinants include economic/material resources such as income, employment, and access to educational opportunities; social conditions such as neighborhood problems and social trust; and, physical conditions such as bars and tobacco retail outlets. Dr. Wetter will present data showing how a broad range of social determinants impact smoking cessation among underserved populations.

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