



ACCELERATING HEALTH EQUITY CONFERENCE

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Accelerating Health Equity Conference: Driving Change Together

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With the theme “Driving Change Together,” the AHA Community Health Improvement (ACHI) network and the Institute for Diversity and Health Equity (IFDHE), both part of the American Hospital Association, are facilitating the work of health care and community organizations to close health equity gaps by building strategic hospital-community partnerships and developing and sustaining diversity and inclusion efforts across the field.

The Accelerating Health Equity Conference brings together 1,000 front-line leaders (e.g., directors, VPs, SVPs) working in hospitals, health systems, public health and community-based organizations, and whose work focuses on:

- Community health and investment
- Population health management
- External affairs
- Strategy and mission
- Diversity, equity and inclusion

This gathering gives us the opportunity to learn from each other, celebrate achievements and collaborate to drive change — turning words into action.

During the three-day event, attendees will:

- Expand their knowledge about innovative strategies, successful actions and proven practices and resources.
- Build and strengthen community connections.
- Develop more integrated approaches to advance health equity.

Collaborating to Make a Difference

Long-standing health care disparities and inequities persist. Systemic drivers such as structural racism and economic disadvantages have resulted in disproportionate health outcomes across different patient populations. Education, safe and affordable housing, transportation and nutritious food access all have a significant impact on the quality and quantity of an individual's life and overall health.

The Accelerating Health Equity Conference is the only event that brings together professionals from hospitals, health systems, community health and DEI to close health equity gaps by:

- Building and strengthening community partnerships
- Mobilizing our network of professionals to take on health equity challenges
- Amplifying our voices across the field for greater impact
- Developing and sustaining diversity, equity and inclusion efforts across the field.



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We are stronger together. Through collaboration and community partnerships – hospitals, health systems, public health departments and community organizations – are advancing health equity, so all individuals reach their highest potential for health.

Driving Change Together

The AHA has long advocated for collaborative approaches to improve the health and well-being of all individuals and communities. For the past several years, the Accelerating Health Equity Conference has brought together front-line leaders working in hospitals, health systems, public health and community-based organizations in order to work on closing health equity gaps throughout the United States. While significant strides have been made in the community health and health equity fields, numerous new challenges demand that a united approach be taken throughout the health care ecosystem to continue promoting health communities.

The journey toward health equity will continue at the 2024 Accelerating Health Equity Conference in Kansas City, Mo., where attendees will collaborate to drive change together to all corners of the United States.

Toward Healthier and More Equitable Communities

As part of the American Hospital Association, ACHI and IFDHE are sharing their considerable expertise, evidence-based tools and resources and success stories from the field to help hospitals, health systems and community partners improve the health and well-being for all people.

We've made progress on the journey to transform our organizations and communities and have committed to providing the field with appropriate services in support of efforts to improve the health of communities.

Now is the time to turn innovative ideas into action. Now is the time to build and sustain just, healthy and equitable communities for all.