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"Race, Ethnicity, and the Doctor-Patient Relationship "

ABSTRACT

Numerous reports have demonstrated that the quality and quality of health care in the U.S. varies according to patients' race and ethnicity. Studies examining health care encounters suggest that racial barriers between minority patients and the doctors that care for them might play a role in causing disparities in health care. Understanding what these racial barriers are, and how they operate, is an important step towards reducing their putative contribution to health care disparities. This presentation will provide a framework for understanding the influence of race and ethnicity in doctor-patient relationships, and findings from a series of studies empirically examining the role of racial barriers in health care encounters.

Food and beverages will be provided.