

GET WITH THE GUIDELINES® HEALTH EQUITY RESOURCES



The American Heart Association's focus on health equity is woven into our core mission and commitment to advance health equity for all. The Association recognizes that hospitals are listening to their patients to understand and help support them in living their best health. Utilizing social needs assessments are a tool that may be implemented to capture information not otherwise detected through conventional medical assessments or procedures. These data can help inform a provider on the best treatment and resources to support a patient in their healing as well as long-term care.

There are a variety of well-tested social needs assessment tools available for hospitals that contain questions spanning multiple domains including, but not limited to housing, transportation, nutrition, education, finance, and mental and social support. Assessing patient needs in the community is just the first step in a site's health equity efforts, but the impact is greatest when help and resources are provided for those patients with unmet needs. This is a list of widely used tools and resources by many Get With The Guidelines® (GWTG) hospitals and other national stakeholders looking to understand the impact of and provide solutions addressing the social determinants of health impacting their communities.

[AHC Health-Related Social Needs \(HRSN\) Screening Tool](#): Tool developed by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) & Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) and widely used by GWTG hospitals.

[SIREN Screening Tool Comparison](#): Resource of widely used social health screening tools compiled by the Social Interventions Research & Evaluation Network (SIREN).

[NCQA Social Determinants of Health Resource Guide](#): Describes strategies used by health plans and clinically integrated networks (CIN) to address SDOH.

[Findhelp.org](#): Website that helps find free or low-cost community resources for users in their zip code.

[Unite Us](#): Technology solution that identifies social needs in communities, manages enrollment of individuals in services.

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