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“SOCIAL INJUSTICE IS KILLING PEOPLE ON A GRAND SCALE”:
REORIENTING ACTION ON SOCIAL DETERMINANTS TOWARD SOCIAL JUSTICE

A decade ago the WHO released the final report of the Commission on the Social Determinants of Health, calling for urgent action on social injustice. As evidence accumulated that social factors are key to access to health services, health care costs and health outcomes, many organizations called for action on social determinants. However, most interventions have focused narrowly on meeting immediate social needs of individuals rather than broader injustice. In this lecture, we will explore how actions to address social determinants have been fit within a biomedical model, often without involving public health. We will also discuss why this should have been anticipated. We will examine why taking a social justice approach - at micro, meso and macro levels - would improve the effectiveness of interventions within health care and public health that aim to address the social determinants.

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