

School of Health Information Science Seminar Series:

The Administrative Burden of Medication Affordability Resources



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Marcy Antonio, PhD, MPH, FAMIA is a Digital Health Equity Researcher at the University of Michigan's School of Information, an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of Victoria's School of Health Information and a Fellow of the American Medical Informatics Association. She completed her Interdisciplinary Phd in Health Informatics and Nursing and Masters in Public Health in the Health Informatics stream at the University of Victoria. Marcy is currently serving on the Editorial Board of the Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association's (JAMIA) and as Vice Chair for the American Medical Informatics Association's (AMIA) Health and Healthcare Equity Working Group.

Digital health equity is central to all of Marcy's research endeavours. She brings an interdisciplinary, collaborative lens in working with communities, policymakers, healthcare providers, industry partners and researchers to create actionable health informatics strategies for promoting health and well-being of populations who have historically experienced unjust, unfair outcomes. To learn more about Marcy's research you can visit her research site: digitalhealthequity.ca

The Administrative Burden of Medication Affordability Resources

The medication affordability challenges that lead to stretching or skipping medications or missing refills can contribute to significant health risks. Cost-related medication non-adherence can be compounded for people with multiple chronic conditions who are prescribed several medications. Although financial resources may exist, the administrative burden of navigating and vetting possible resources may prevent people from accessing them. This seminar will use the case study example of people living with atrial fibrillation and associated co-morbidities to demonstrate the administrative burden patients experience when navigating medication affordability resources. It will offer possible ways forward for addressing medication affordability challenges through health informatics tools designed to reduce patient's administrative burden.

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