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Advancing Equity with Gender and Sexual Identity: Using Strength-Based Approaches to Unpack the Impact of Interpersonal and Structural Discrimination

Speaker:

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Description

It is well-established that men who self-identify as gay experience health inequities rooted in homophobia and heteronormativity. Gay men experience significant health concerns fueled by discrimination yet little is known about how men manage their health (i.e. the social practices for promoting their health and navigating exacerbations of chronic illness). What is known has focused on gay men's sexual health practices and adherence to HIV treatment regimens and is informed by neoliberal discourses of 'risk'. I will broach recognition of discrimination as a determinant of health and describe the processes by which discrimination has greatly influenced the health and illness practices and experiences of middle-aged and older gay men. Key foci include resilience, health management, mental health, and the sociohistorical context of pre-treatment HIV. This knowledge is essential to inform extant and future health services and approaches to support men's capacities to protect their health.

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