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Keynote Address

by

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Health Inequities: the Tsunami of Health Care?

Description

Health Inequities have been studied extensively over the years in many countries, with much of the focus being the health gap seen between rich and poor countries. More recently, within country differences have been studied, showing that the gaps at this level are often even more extensive than those at the country level of comparison. The sheer magnitude and pervasiveness of these inequities combined with the growing income gap and the aging of the population has been described as the ingredients for a perfect storm that could overwhelm the health service sector – a tsunami on the horizon.

Highlights of health inequities at these various levels of comparison will be discussed with particular emphasis on chronic disease and health behaviour data from Saskatchewan. Major causes of these inequities (many of these outside the direct purview of the health sector) will be explored, followed by examples of what health systems can do to decrease health inequities in specific patient populations. Particular emphasis will be placed on the approach being taken in Saskatoon on the development of a health care equity audit tool, and how it might be used by staff to improve equity.