Environmental and Social Determinants of Cardiovascular Health and Wellbeing

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Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Coronary Heart Disease Deaths





Neighborhood Environment as a Component of the Socio-Ecological Model



Neighborhood Environment and Cardiometabolic Risk in Epidemiologic Studies

- Ethnically diverse adult populations
- Natural experiment allows evaluation of effect of change in neighborhood environment on risk
- Dallas Heart Study (DHS) based at UT Southwestern Med Center in Dallas, Texas
- Multi-ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis (MESA)
 - NHLBI-sponsored
 - Six sites (focus on Chicago, IL)

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Socioeconomic Environment and Development of Cardiometabolic Risk in Dallas Heart Study



Social Environment and Development of Cardiometabolic Risk in MESA



Air Pollution and Cardiovascular Health Disparities in MESA



Synergistic Effects of Air Pollution and Social Determinants of Health in Early Life-Course

- Systematic review focused on obesity, asthma, perinatal outcomes, cognition/behavior
- 72% of studies founds significant synergistic associations
- Paucity of data on social and environmental risk related to childhood obesity
- Reliance on SES as measure of early-life social environment
- Air pollution most common environmental exposure

Appleton AA et al, Curr Environ Health Rpt 2016



Challenges to Understanding Relationship between Environment and CV Health Disparities

- What potentially synergistic relationships with social determinants of health are important to study?
- What constitutes a person's environment? How do we measure activity space?
- Latency of effect of environmental exposures on CV outcomes
- How do we account for changes in environmental exposures across the life-course?



Future Research Directions in Environment and Cardiovascular Health Disparities

- Life-course and multi-level approaches
 - Environment and genetics/epigenetics
 - Gene X environment interactions
- '-Omics' approaches
 (genomics, metabolomics,
 exposomics) to characterize
 impact of environment on
 CV health
- New data modeling
 - Systems science modeling
- Findings that translate into interventions









Blacks and Hispanics Have Higher Obesity Prevalence than Other Racial/Ethnic Groups



Class III Obesity Associated with Greater 30-Day Mortality after STEMI in National Registry



Evaluating Neighborhood Environment and Cardiometabolic Risk in the Dallas Heart Study

- Probability-based population sample of Dallas County residents (N=6,101)
- 50% African-American, 30% White, 20% Hispanic
- 1835 participants included in analyses
- Longitudinal data available from 2000 to 2009



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