

# HEALTH EQUITY

## Ensuring Best Possible Healthcare Outcomes for All

*In the U.S., poor healthcare outcomes often are correlated to outside factors.*

Sexual Orientation **Ethnicity** Gender  
**Race** ZIP Code Income

With the new **Sutter Health Institute for Quality and Health Equity Solutions**, we are committed to advancing *health equity*—to work toward equivalent healthcare outcomes for *all*—through research, transparent reporting and patient-focused care.

## Health Inequities Lead to Poor Outcomes



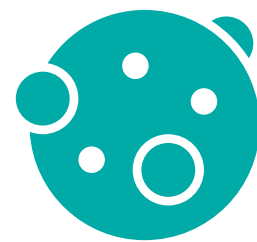
African Americans are **30% more likely** to die prematurely from heart disease\*



African American men are **twice as likely** to die prematurely from stroke\*



Hispanics are **twice as likely** to be diagnosed with diabetes\*



Asians have the **highest rates** of sepsis mortality

## COVID-19 Inequities Abound

In California, African Americans are 6% of the population, but **10.3% of COVID-19 deaths**

At Sutter, African American COVID-19 patients are **2.7 times more likely** to be hospitalized\*

Latinos age 50-64 are **5 times more likely** to die from COVID-19\*\*

African American COVID-19 patients may **not seek testing and care** until it is an emergency



## Sutter Health is Advancing Health Equity Nationally

### Developing the Health Equity Index

The Health Equity Index is a game-changing new metric that reveals outcomes of care among various patient populations.

The Index is now used to calculate healthcare inequities for our 22 hospitals, identifying successes and areas for improvement.

### Sharing Our Research Nationally

We are sharing the Health Equity Index tool with providers nationwide, to help them identify and close their own health equity gaps.

Our report, *Advancing Health Equity*, outlines how healthcare networks can address disparities.

### Ongoing Research and Collaboration

Sutter Health researchers are building on early work, further investigating disparities and solutions.

Their work will improve care at Sutter Health and help organizations nationwide to advance health equity.

\*Compared to non-Hispanic white individuals. \*\*Compared to white individuals. Citations available on request.

For more information, visit [sutterhealth.org/about/health-equity](https://sutterhealth.org/about/health-equity).