

Figure 1: Survey Overview with Section Headings and Selected Questions

# Social Determinants of Health Screening: A Needs Assessment of Inpatient Pediatric Providers

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For the purpose of this study, please refer to the following definitions for social determinants of health, unmet social needs, and screening:

social determinants of health (SDoH) refer to the conditions in the environments where people are born, live, and grow that may affect an individual's economic stability, education access and quality, health care access and quality, neighborhood and built environment, or social and community context

unmet social needs refer to social risk factors, such as food insecurity or housing instability, that patients would like help addressing.

screening for SDoH refers to anytime you ask a patient or patient's family about unmet social needs in a structured way, using standardized questions [asking about these topics in an unstructured, non-standardized manner, such as asking about social circumstances during the social history for a new patient admission, would not be considered screening for the purposes of this survey]

## Role at Boston Children's Hospital:

What is your primary professional role?

- Advanced practice provider
- Attending physician
- Case manager
- Fellow
- Nurse
- Social worker
- Other

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## SDoH and SDoH Screening:

Before starting this survey, I was aware what SDoH are

- Yes, I had a great understanding of SDoH
- I understood SDoH a little but not completely
- No, I did not understand what SDoH are
- I am not sure

I have had formal training on what SDoH are (e.g. the explicit goal of the training was to learn about SDoH)

- Yes
- No

I have had formal training on how to have sensitive conversations with patients/ families (i.e. the explicit goal of the training was to learn and/or to practice how to have sensitive conversations, including but not limited to conversations such as disclosing medical errors, discussing undesirable diagnosis or discussing unmet social needs)

- Yes
- No

**Current Practices:**

**As a reminder, by "screening," we mean asking patients about these topics in a structured way, using standardized questions (i.e. NOT informally asking about social circumstances during a social history)**

**Please take note if the question is asking for your personal practice (i.e. regardless what another member of your team may do), or for your team's response as a whole.**

In my current practice, I personally screen hospitalized patients for SDoH  Yes  No

When personally screening hospitalized patients for SDoH, I feel comfortable with (mark all that apply):

- My ability to ask questions relating to SDoH
- My ability to explain why we screen for SDoH
- Having discussions related to positive SDoH screenings with families
- Providing interventions (e.g. resources or referrals) related to positive SDoH screenings
- I am not comfortable with any aspect of screening for SDoH

Separate from screening (asking patients in a structured, standardized way), in my current practice, I personally have conversations with families about SDoH (e.g. ask about social needs informally)  Yes  No

**Looking Forward**

I am interested in formal training on SDoH  Yes  No

I am interested in formal training on (mark all that apply)

- What SDoH are
- Performing SDoH screening
- Having conversations with families about positive SDoH screening results
- Responding to social needs identified through a SDoH screen
- Other

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**Demographics**

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What is your age in years?

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How many years have you worked in a healthcare setting?

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