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Achieving Equity in Cancer Care Through Community Collaboration

Presentation Description: This presentation will define and review frameworks of health equity, provide tools to assess health equity in one's practice and organization, and highlight the importance of collaborating with community partners to improve access to cancer care

Learning Objectives:

1. List values of partnering with multi-disciplinary teams and other community-based organizations
2. Define health equity and identify frameworks
3. Identify tools for health equity self-assessment

Bio

Shannon La Cava, Psy.D. is the Chief Clinical Officer and Director of Programs & Research at Cancer Support Community Los Angeles. Her responsibilities include supervising a clinical team of licensed clinicians and graduate student trainees; stewarding hospital and community-based organization partnerships; and championing a Professional Advisory Board and Diversity & Inclusivity Committee to improve access to care for all. Dr. La Cava actively participates in the American Psychosocial Oncology Society (APOS) and is the current Chair-Elect of the American Psychological Association (APA) Health Equity Committee.

With over 20 years of experience in the healthcare industry, Dr. La Cava incorporates clinical experience with theoretical understanding to offer support, relief, and change to her clients. Her research interests focus on multi-disciplinary engagement to address health inequities and support the psychosocial needs of pediatric, young adult, and adult patients and caregivers. She has engaged as a Co-Investigator in research collaborations with American Institute for Cancer Research, Kaiser Foundation Research Institute, Providence Saint John's Health Center, Cedars Sinai Medical Center, and California State University Long Beach.