

Childhood Asthma Disparities: Location, Location, Location

Racial and ethnic disparities have been recognized for more than 4 decades, yet we have made little progress in shrinking them. A myriad of factors contributes to excess morbidity burden among Black and Hispanic/Latinx children, such as pest allergen exposure, air pollution, stress, poor access to health care and lesser quality care. Studies that have sought to study the impact of intervening on one or two of these individual-level factors have had mixed results. In contrast, understanding that these disparities are manifestations of historical and current housing discrimination reframes the problem as a neighborhood rather than individual problem. The talk will cover the evolution of this paradigm shift and the growing body of evidence that neighborhood is a key driver of disparities and can be effectively intervened upon to shrink disparities.

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