Health Disparities in Adults with Intellectual Developmental Disabilities: History, Current Issues, and Solutions

We will discuss a brief history of health care for people with intellectual developmental disabilities (IDD) in the US. Current equity issues will be covered, using the COVID pandemic as an example. Finally, we will discuss some national and local approaches to improving health care for adults with IDD.

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