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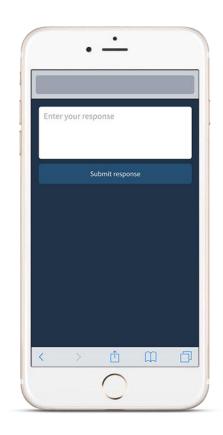
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Understanding Implicit Bias

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Picture This: Immunization Clinic

A couple comes in with their young child.

A nurse administers the vaccines.

The clinic organizer stops by to check how things are going.



The Family

The Nurse





The Clinic Organizer



Objectives

By the end of this presentation, participants will be able to

- Define Implicit Bias
- Explore how implicit bias impacts healthcare and immunizations
- Recognize the role of the individual in achieving inclusive spaces
- Discover an increased sense of self-awareness
- Explain the roles individuals play in combating implicit bias



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What is Implicit Bias?

Bias: A prejudice in favor of or against one thing, person, or group compared with another, usually in a way that's considered to be unfair. Biases may be held by an individual, group, or institution and can have negative or positive consequences.

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"I have witnessed or experienced bias in a healthcare setting."

Yes

No

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Explicit Bias (Conscious Bias)

Attitudes and beliefs that are held or endorsed on a conscious level can be consciously detected and reported; moderated by internal motivation

Examples:

"Women aren't good at science." Refusing to treat a transgender patient.

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Plus, the US already has all these diseases By Angela Chen | @chengela | Oct 30, 2018, 2:55pm EDT

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Example of Conscious Bias

Kevin Sorbo @ @ksorbs · 1d Liberals: "Don't let unvaccinated kids into our schools!" Same Liberals: "Let thousands of unvaccinated illegal immigrants in!"

Huh?!

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(((Dorit Reiss))) @doritmi · 6h Most illegal immigrants come from countries with higher vaccines rates than us, like Mexico. The immigration question has nothing to do with making schools safer from disease through school mandates.

This is a troubling tweet that reeks of xenophobia.

We Love GMOs and Vaccines June 21, 2019 · 🚱





Implicit Bias (Unconscious Bias)

Social stereotypes about certain groups of people that individuals form outside their own conscious awareness. Everyone holds unconscious beliefs about various social and identity groups, and these biases stem from one's tendency to organize social worlds by categorizing

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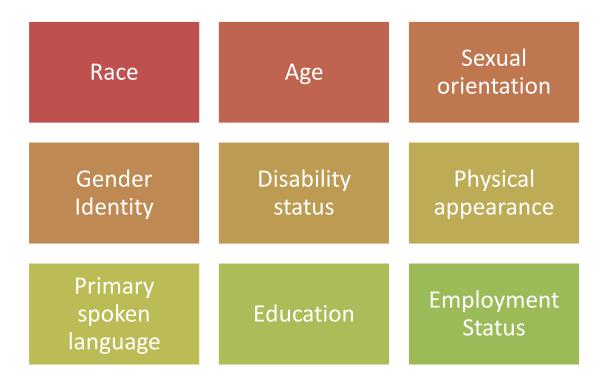
How Implicit Bias Occurs

- Results from subtle cognitive processes (attitudes or stereotypes)
- Often operates at a level below conscious awareness and without intentional control
- Automatically activated and often unintentional





Implicit Bias can be based on...







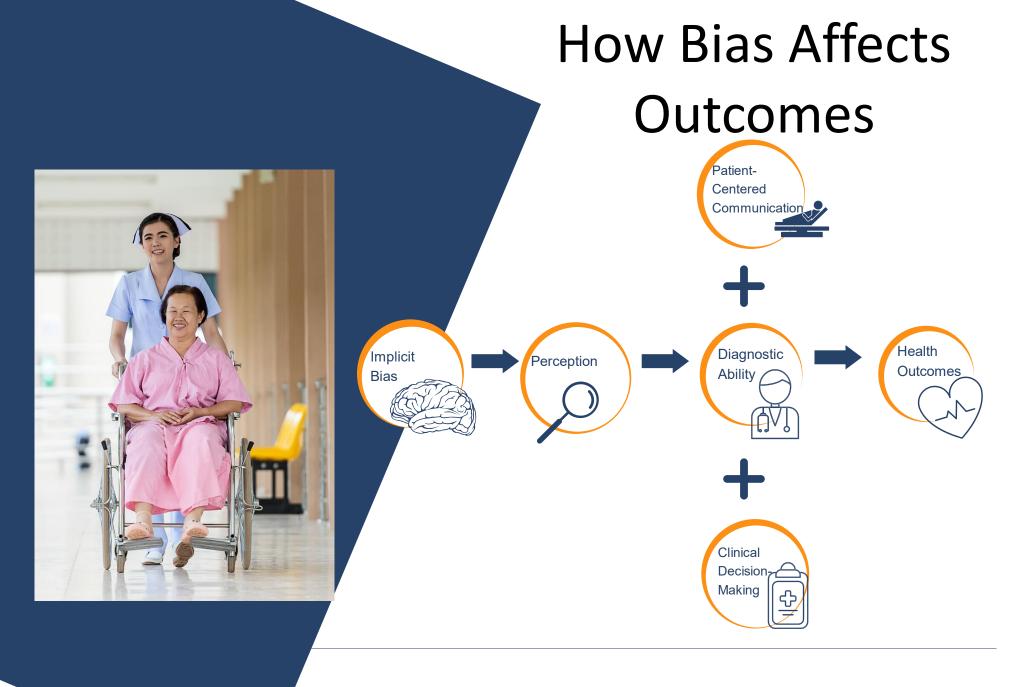
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Implicit Bias in Health and Immunizations

Impact of Implicit Bias in Healthcare

- Patient-provider interactions
- Patient perceptions
- Treatment decisions
- Treatment adherence
- Patient Health Outcomes





Implicit Bias and Patient Outcomes

Women are three-times less likely to be referred for total knee replacement even if clinically indicated

Black women are more likely to die after being diagnosed with breast cancer

Non-white patients are less likely to be prescribed pain medications (non-narcotic and narcotic)

Physicians are less likely to treat suicidal ideation in elderly patients despite the high suicide rate of people 85 and older

Patients of color are more likely to be blamed for being too passive about their health care

Source: The Joint Commission and American College of Cardiology

Examples of Implicit Bias in Healthcare

A Black doctor died of Covid-19 weeks after accusing hospital staff of racist treatment

By Dakin Andone, CNN () Updated 7:33 AM ET, Fri December 25, 2020



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Replying to @choo_ek

KQEI FYI: When my 88 yr old father suffered his first stroke, the hospital staff in Connecticut were quite indifferent to him — an old dying Black man. The next day I hung bedside photos of him lecturing & getting an honorary doctorate. He was thereafter treated with great respect.

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What are some examples of implicit bias that can occur in an immunization setting?

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Effects of Stress on Implicit Bias in Healthcare

Cognitive Overload



Source: National Center for Cultural Competence at Georgetown University





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Recognizing and Addressing Implicit Bias

Self-Awareness

Identify your own Implicit Biases

Understand the nature of bias

Be comfortable with discomfort

Practice Mindfulness

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Before

Interaction

Perspective-taking -"Put yourself in their shoes"

Slow Down – Pause and reflect on Potential Biases

Individuation – See the individual, not the stereotype



Embrace evidence-based statements that reduce implicit bias

Assiduously practice evidence-based medicine

Check Your Messaging

Have a basic understanding of your patients' culture

Be the patient's partner in managing their health

Keep Learning

Expand your network to include individuals from different groups

Practice cultural humility and critical self-reflection

Attend facilitated discussions and training sessions

Small Group Discussion: What Would You Do?

Acknowledging -- and Overcoming -- My Own Racial Bias

"What do white people know that we don't?"

"I'm sorry, what?"

I stared at the young woman sitting in front of me. Maybe I didn't understand what she was saying.

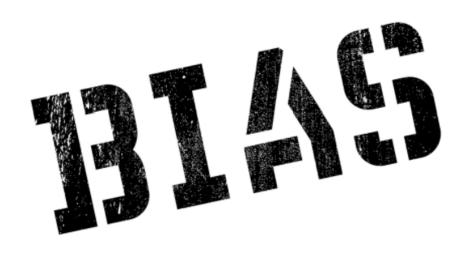
I thought she was just asking me about how vaccines work.

She was one of 10 community health workers in Harlem, all women of color, who worked to ensure good health among underserved patients in the area. I was there as a family medicine resident to learn about community medicine as a part of my medical training.

"What do white people know that we don't? Why are they choosing not to vaccinate their children? And why do doctors force us black folk to keep getting them?"

My jaw dropped.

Although I knew there was a contingency of individuals who, based on debunked studies and a distrust of the medical establishment, were against vaccinations, I had never thought about how race might impact the vaccine discussion. And I was sorely unprepared.



Small Group Discussion: Debrief

Acknowledging -- and Overcoming -- My Own Racial Bias

Since then, I've adjusted my approach. I'm not confident that I've transcended my racial biases, but I'm working on it. A few months ago, I met a patient who was in my office for a quick follow-up visit. She was a woman of color, of Caribbean and Mexican heritage, a Ph.D. who studied racial disparities. Keeping to my task as a primary care physician, I encouraged her to get a flu shot.

"I wonder if you would be cornering me in the same way about vaccines if I was white," she said.

Her body language challenged me, her language sharpened, her willingness to participate in the conversation vanished. Her reaction surprised me. However, this time I was prepared.

"I would. Absolutely." I smiled. "But I'm curious. Share your experience with me -- about being a woman of color, about your view on vaccines. I'm interested, and I want to know what you think."











Additional Resources

AIM DEI Resources - Google Docs

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NiKaRP7QW 6eiz9prw5VOIyGYT0XuOUnjteYZv3aEdqM/edit



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Webinar 3: Understanding How Racism Impacts Those Around Us September 28 | 2-3pm EST Speaker: Ku'ulani Keohokalole, People Strategies Hawai'i

Webinar 4: Understanding the Role of Systems in Being Anti-Racist October 12 | 2-3pm EST Speaker: Ku'ulani Keohokalole, People Strategies Hawai'i