## Why is the hospital asking patients about their social determinants of health?

We ask these questions to help us understand our patients' needs and connect them to resources outside of the hospital. SDoH can impact a patient's health outcomes. Understanding disparities will help us focus our work, connect patients with community support and elevate the quality of care we provide to our patient population.



## Preventive care IS healthcare

# Social Determinants of Health



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### What are social determinants of health?

SDoH are non-medical factors that can influence someone's health, such as their living situation, food, transportation, utilities and safety. They are the conditions in which people are born, work, live and age.

## Healthcare is more than a visit to the doctor



## Who will see my information? How will it be shared?

Your information is confidential and protected by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. It will be kept in your health record and will be accessible by your care team.

#### Who are you collecting this information from?

We are asking all our patients.

## Do I have to answer these questions?

No. Answering is voluntary but will help us better serve our patients. It may also help us support you after your visit.

### What if there are questions that I don't want to answer?

You can skip any question.



#### How does this benefit me?

By answering these questions, we get to know more about you. This information helps us to better serve you and our community and deliver high-quality care.





