

# Alberta Doctors' Digest

## Exploring the many socioeconomic determinants of health

Health care professionals know there are many socioeconomic determinants of health. A doctor can prescribe a medicine, but the patient may not fill the prescription or take the medicine. Dentists may notice increasing rates of dental decay in their municipality, but it may not be caused by the diet and lifestyle of patients. Might there be socioeconomic factors at play? What can be done about it?

In our first podcast episode in a special series on the socioeconomic determinants of health, Alberta Doctors' Digest Editor-in-Chief, Marvin Polis, talks to Juliet Guichon from the Cumming School of Medicine in Calgary about some of the socioeconomic determinants of health among children. They talk about human papillomavirus (HPV), smoking, vaping and what happens when fluoride is not added to municipal water supplies.

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