Quality Improvement to Achieve Health Equity: *Harnessing the Power of Academic-Community Partnerships*

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Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health is the most shocking and inhumane.

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
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1. What impact might QI & I Science have on disparities?
2. How can QI & I Science work be designed to increase equity?
3. How can academic-community partnerships be leveraged for QI science to improve health equity?

4. **Practical Tools**
• **Quality Improvement Science** seeks measurable changes in the processes of care and outcomes

• **Implementation Science** examines methods to promote the adoption and integration of evidence-based practices, interventions and policies into routine health care and public health settings

*Improve the Quality of Care to Impact Outcomes*

What impact might Qi & I Science have on healthcare disparities?
Baseline Disparity

Weinick RM, Hasnain-Wynia R. Quality improvement efforts under health reform: how to ensure that they help reduce disparities—not increase them. Health Aff (Millwood). 2011;30[10]:1838–1839
No Change
Disparity Narrows
Disparity Widens
All (most) Healthcare QI & I = Healthcare Disparities Work
QI & I

Academic-Community Partnerships

Health Care Disparities
QI & I
Health Care Disparities

Academic Community Partnerships
What impact might QI & I Science have on healthcare disparities?

- Maintains the disparity
- Worsens the disparity
- Reduces the disparity
How can QI & I Science work be designed to increase equity and reduce disparities?