

HEALTH DISPARITIES RESEARCH CONTACTS IN DCCPS

The Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences (DCCPS) monitors the differential burden of cancer among Americans and promotes and conducts research to identify and address the economic, social, cultural, psychological, behavioral, and biological mechanisms contributing to these inequities across the cancer control continuum and throughout the human lifespan. The following staff listing reflects the commitment of DCCPS to the important mission of addressing the social determinants of health, with the goal of eliminating health disparities and inequities.

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