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Content	<p>Equitable access to health care is a social justice issue and is included in the U.N.'s Universal Declaration of Human Rights. About 15% of the world's population lives with a disability – one billion people -- and rates of disability are steadily rising, in part as a result of an increasing aging population and prevalence of autism spectrum disorder (WHO, 2018). Despite advances in medicine – and the advancement of rights of people with disabilities, this diverse population continues to experience significant barriers to accessing care and health disparities worldwide. Too few health care providers are equipped to meet the needs of people with intellectual disabilities, autism and behavior challenges, and often medical offices are not able to accommodate physical disabilities. People with all types of disabilities are at greater risk of multiple chronic diseases (WHO, World Report on Disability, 2011), and yet these diseases may be undiagnosed or poorly managed when a person's disability overshadows other health conditions (Krahn, G. L., & Fox, M. H., 2014). Woods has developed a model of care for people with intellectual disabilities, which brings together primary care and the social determinants of health, with promising results that have reduced unnecessary ER visits and hospitalizations. This talk will describe Woods' model that works across sectors to increase access to and quality of care for this population by 1) integrating services, 2) coordinating care, and 3) training a new generation of health care and other clinical providers to have the expertise to care for this</p>