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Rurality as a Predictor of Health

Abstract: Health inequities are preventable differences in health status that occur by demographics such as race/ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, and geographic location. In the United States, health inequities occur because something in the environment where people live, work, and play is bad for their health (WHO, 2015). These environmental factors are called the social determinants of health. In this presentation, I will review how rurality socially determines (perpetuates or mitigates) health inequities, drawing on examples from the North Country.