Bronx Health REACH

Making Health Equality a Reality

Join Our Coalition for Health Equality!

Did You Know?

- **New York teaching hospitals SEGREGATE individuals based on a patient's insurance status.** If you are seeking outpatient care with a specialist, the place you receive care depends on what insurance you have.

- **If you are on MEDICAID or are UNINSURED, you are usually sent to a CLINIC when you need to see a specialist**. Privately insured patients are seen by board-certified faculty physicians in the physician's private practice. They see the same doctor each time and experience better coordination between the specialist and their primary care doctor.

- **Segregating patients based on insurance status is UNFAIR and ILLEGAL.** Segregated care disproportionately hurts Blacks and Latinos because they are more likely to be on Medicaid.

"While all Americans benefit from advances in medical treatment, health information shows that white Americans benefit sooner than others."[1]

"Death Rates in the South Bronx from all causes are 40 percent higher than the death rate for all New Yorkers."[1]

"In NYC, of the population under the age of 65, 52% of Blacks, and 60% of Latinos, compared to 26% of Whites, are uninsured or publicly insured.[2]

**"...patients have the right to receive treatment without discrimination as to race, color, sex, national origin and source of payment."
—NYS Patient Bill of Rights**

1) Source: Community Health Profiles 2006, NYC Depart. Of Health & Mental Hygiene

2) Source: New York City Health Insurance Coverage in 2009, United Hospital Fund

**Want to Learn More?
Want to be an Active Supporter of Health Equality?**

Join Us At Our Next

Health Disparities Work Group Meeting

Second Friday of Every Month

1:30 PM

**Cosmopolitan Church of the Lord Jesus
39 West 190th Street
Bronx, NY 10468**

2012 Meeting Dates:
January 13, February 10, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8,
July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9,
December TBA

Bronx Health REACH is a community based coalition working to end racial and ethnic health disparities in the Bronx and throughout New York. For more information, please call 212-633-0800 ext. 1232 or visit our website at www.bronxhealthreach.org. Follow us on Twitter @BxHealthREACH and read our blog at bronxhealthreach.blogspot.com.