Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Children's Health, Healthcare, and Mental Healthcare, & Community-Based Interventions Which Eliminate These Disparities
SPPAC 2017 Diversity Plenary Session (1 CE)

Projections indicate that minority children will outnumber white children in the US by 2018. This presentation will examine racial/ethnic disparities in children's health, healthcare, and mental healthcare, and how they are extensive, pervasive, and persist over time. Data and video clips will then be presented on innovative community-based interventions which successfully eliminate racial/ethnic disparities and achieve equity for children and adolescents.

Based on the content of this talk, participants will be able to:
- Describe the current demographics of racial/ethnic minorities in America.
- Discuss at least two examples of racial/ethnic disparities in children's health, healthcare, and mental healthcare.
- Explain how community-based interventions can be effective in eliminating racial/ethnic disparities and achieving equity for children and adolescents.
- Identify at least one specific strategy to provide more equitable care in your own practice setting.

Target Learner Level: Introductory to Intermediate

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Dr. Glenn Flores is Distinguished Chair of Health Policy Research at the Medica Research Institute, Research Affiliate in the Department of Health Sciences Research at the Mayo Clinic, and Affiliate Professor of Health Policy & Management at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health. He graduated magna cum laude from Harvard College, and attended medical school at the University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine. He is a member of the Council of the American Pediatric Society, the editorial board of *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*, and the National Advisory Committee (NAC) of the Robert Wood Johsnon (RWJ) Amos Medical Faculty Development. He was a member of the US Preventive Services Task Force from 2010-2013 and RWJ Aligning Forces for Quality Program NAC. He is Director of the NIDDK/APA Research in Academic Pediatrics Initiative on Diversity (RAPID), whose goal is to provide career development and advancement for diverse junior faculty in general academic pediatrics pursuing careers addressing pediatric obesity, nutrition, and/or sickle cell disease. He has provided two Congressional Briefings, US Senate and Congressional testimony, and a recent DHHS and ACF briefing. He has been a consultant/NAC member for the US Surgeon General, IOM, CDC, NICHD, AMA, NHMA, First Focus, the DHHS Office of Civil Rights, and Sesame Workshop. He received the 2006 AAP Outstanding Achievement Award in the Application of Epidemiologic Information to Child Health Advocacy, the 2006 NHMA Health Leadership Award, the 2008 Millie and Richard Brock Award for Distinguished Contributions to Pediatrics, the 2010 Helen Rodríguez-Trías Social Justice Award from the APHA, and the 2012 Research Award from the Academic Pediatric Association (the first underrepresented minority recipient). He has been awarded major grant funding by NICHD, NIDDK, AHRQ, CMS, the RWJ Foundation, and the Commonwealth Fund. He recently was appointed as a member of the Cradle to K Cabinet of Mayor of Minneapolis Betsy Hodges, and the National Advisory Committee of the RWJ Health Opportunity and Equity (HOPE) Measures. His 217 publications address a wide variety of research and policy issues, including health policy, health services research, public and population health, racial/ethnic disparities in children's health and healthcare, language barriers in healthcare, insuring the uninsured, and childhood obesity.

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