

Journal Club: Rural Residents with Disability

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Goal: To introduce disability issues to medical students in the context of critical exploration of research practices.

Estimated Time: 40 minutes

Recommended Group Size: <12 medical students

Outcome Objectives:

1. Students will be able to identify challenges patients with disability encounter when seeking primary care in rural areas.
2. Students will be able to explain how the environment patients with disability live in impacts their ability to obtain health care.

Iezzoni LI, Killeen MB, O'Day BL. Rural residents with disabilities confront substantial barriers to obtaining primary care. *Health Serv Res.* 2006;41(4 Pt 1):1258-1275. doi:10.1111/j.1475-6773.2006.00534.x

Discussion Questions:

1. What are some barriers to healthcare experienced by rural residents? How might these add to barriers to healthcare for people with disability?
2. How might low satisfaction with health care influence health of patients with disability?
3. Review the reasons why people with disability may report lower satisfaction with their health care than others without disability. How might we attempt to improve low reports of satisfaction?
4. What role might independent living centers and other organizations play in the health of people with disability? Is this role different for people with disability who live in a rural setting?