



Model Email

Send to Champions and Stakeholders to Develop an SDoH Screening Program

Greetings,

I am emailing because **I believe we need a strong SDoH screening program to address the health-related social needs of our patients.**

We know health outcomes are influenced by factors in and outside of the doctor's office.

That's why there is a big push for the health care sector to screen patients for the non-medical social determinants of health (SDoH). In fact, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recently released a call to action to address health-related social needs, including SDoH screening.

While diagnosing and treating social needs should not be the sole responsibility of the healthcare system, I believe our healthcare setting is a valuable community partner, and thus shares responsibility in identifying patients' social needs and the social risk factors from which they arise.

Thus, **we need a SDoH screening program.**

We are utilizing an action pack from the *Salud America!* team at UT Health San Antonio to explore how we can achieve such a screening program. Here is their fact sheet on the issue (<https://bit.ly/sdohfacts>) and here is the action pack with additional materials (<https://bit.ly/sdohpack>).

Would you be willing to meet to discuss how we can start SDoH screening in our healthcare setting to address the health-related social needs of our patients?

Please let me know at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for caring for our patients,

[YOUR NAME, TITLE, CONTACT INFO]

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