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University of Virginia School of Medicine

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*The Jessie Stewart Richardson Memorial Lecture // Medicine Grand Rounds*

## THE MORAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

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Health care is, in essence, a repair shop for illness, injuries, and disabilities whose causes lie outside health care. These corrosive conditions of life that generate so much human suffering are sometimes called the "social determinants of health." While powerful, these life-conditions are improvable, though they're far too much neglected today in public and private investment alike. Why don't we address them? What's in the way? In this Richardson Lecture, healthcare quality leader Dr. Donald Berwick explores that neglect and seeks sources of energy for change.

*Co-presented with the Office of Quality and Performance Improvement, UVA Health;  
and the Department of Medicine*

Suggested resources:

1. Sir Michael Marmot. *The Health Gap: The Challenge of an Unequal World*. London: Bloomsbury; 2015
2. Sandro Galea. *Well: What We Need to Talk about When We Talk about Health*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019
3. Donald Berwick. The moral determinants of health. 2021; JAMA: 324: 225-226

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**Donald M. Berwick** MD MPP is a graduate of Harvard College (AB), the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (MPP); and Harvard Medical School (MD). He trained in medicine and pediatrics at Massachusetts General Hospital and Children's Hospital Medical Center, Boston. Dr. Berwick is now President Emeritus and Senior Fellow at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), an organization that Dr. Berwick co-founded and led as President and CEO for 19 years. He is one of the nation's leading authorities on health care quality and improvement. In July 2010, President Obama appointed Dr. Berwick to the position of Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), which he held until December 2011. A pediatrician by background, Dr. Berwick has served as Clinical Professor of Pediatrics and Health Care Policy at Harvard Medical School, Professor of Health Policy and Management at the Harvard School of

Public Health, and as a member of the staffs of Boston's Children's Hospital Medical Center, Massachusetts General Hospital, and the Brigham and Women's Hospital. He has also been vice chair of the US Preventive Services Task Force, the first "Independent Member" of the Board of Trustees of the American Hospital Association, and chair of the National Advisory Council of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. He is an elected member of the American Philosophical Society, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the National Academy of Medicine (formerly the Institute of Medicine). Dr. Berwick served two terms on the IOM's governing Council and was a member of the IOM's Global Health Board. He served on President Clinton's Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection and Quality in the Healthcare Industry. He has received numerous awards, including the 1999 Joint Commission's Ernest Amory Codman Award, the 2002 American Hospital Association's Award of Honor, the 2006 John M. Eisenberg Patient Safety and Quality Award for Individual Achievement from the National Quality Forum and the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the 2007 William B. Graham Prize for Health Services Research, the 2007 Heinz Award for Public Policy from the Heinz Family Foundation, the 2012 Gustav O. Lienhard Award from the IOM, and the 2013 Nathan Davis Award from the American Medical Association. In 2005, he was appointed "Honorary Knight Commander of the British Empire" by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the highest honor awarded by the UK to non-British subjects, in recognition of his work with the British National Health Service. Dr. Berwick is the author or co-author of over 200 scientific articles and six books. He also serves now as Lecturer in the Department of Health Care Policy at Harvard Medical School.

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Janice P. Nimura MA, author, *The Doctors Blackwell*, New York NY

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Learning objectives:

1. Understand how "social determinants of health"—and continued underinvestment in addressing them—contribute to the burden of illness and injury in our society.
2. Consider a morally guided action agenda for securing health in our communities, and the place of the healthcare enterprise and health professionals in such an endeavor.