

## **HARNESS THE** POWER OF EQUITY **AND AUTHENTIC ENGAGEMENT**

## Go Beyond Patient Experience to Improve Healthcare Quality, Safety, and Satisfaction



Financial. Health disparities cost the U.S. health system \$451 billion a year,

according to a new study published in **JAMA**. For hospitals, inadequate access to preventive care in underserved communities leads to more emergency department visits and hospitalizations for preventable conditions. Emergency department visits and hospitalizations for preventable condiditons can be avoided with better acess to preventive care in underserved communities. Data from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality suggest that up to 27% of emergency department visits could be managed in physician offices, clinics, and urgent care centers-saving \$4.4 billion annually.



**Reputational.** A healthcare organization's commitment to actively addressing health disparities can shape how patients, the community, and potential employees view it. Health disparities decrease levels of trust-an essential component to building and maintaining positive relationships-in historically marginalized communities, with 20% of Americans reporting they have experienced discrimination within the healthcare system.

Legal. Under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), hospitals and their leaders have a legal responsibility to address health disparities.

Partner With ATW Health Solutions: Partnering with ATW Health Solutions can help your organization embrace and elevate the voice of the patients and the community. Our full suite of services and solutions leverage our teams expertise and data analytics capabilities to develop strategic plans for engagement and equity programs that improve outcomes.

ATW Health Solutions' work to improve stroke outcomes in Cook County, Illinois, is just one example of successful engagement. This two-phase campaign, launched in response to disproportionate rates of stroke morbidity and mortality, galvanized action to address multiple factors: fear of police, lack of trust in healthcare, financial insecurities, and insufficient understanding of stroke.

## **The Impact of Authentic** Engagement

Authentic engagement of patients, families, and communities requires healthcare organizations to embrace and elevate the voice of patients from all walks of life. It crosses race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, education, religion, disability, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

Such engagement enables organizations to collaborate with patients, families, and community members to design effective healthcare services and solutions. It also can drive improved outcomes and satisfaction, as well as policy change.



## Take the Engagement & Equity Assessment

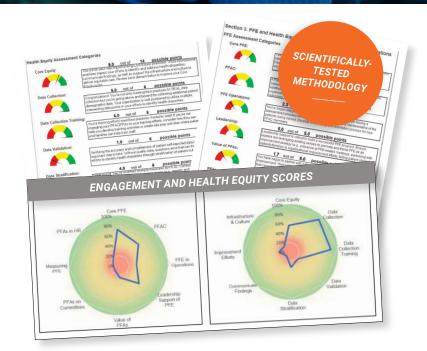
How well is your healthcare organization doing engaging patients, residents, families, caregivers, and communities? Do you have the practices in place to identify and address health disparities?

**Evidence tells us that** interventions focused on person and family engagement, known as PFE, and health equity improve quality and safety outcomes.

ATW's Engagement and Equity Assessment is an integrated tool by which healthcare organizations can measure their practices in these crucial areas. Participants receive a report that scores their organization's performance against national benchmarks, identifies areas of opportunity, and makes recommendations for improvement.

Contact us to find out how your organization can benefit from this proven tool.

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C The report showed us how we compared to others and gave useful ideas to improve. It sparked new discussions especially in the Quality/Safety/Risk Prevention Committee and was given to our Board of Directors."
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