

Social Determinants of Health (**SDOH**)

for the Tampa area (Hillsborough County), FL

A Look Into SDOH

Social determinants of health (SDOH) **are factors outside of medical care that can affect health outcomes.** They include, but are not limited to, conditions in the environments where people live, work, learn, and worship.^{1,2}

SDOH can **impact health, well-being, and quality of life,** contributing to health inequity.²



Tampa by the Numbers

In the US, **some groups may face cancer disparities** because they are more likely to encounter obstacles while getting health care.³ For example, in the Tampa area (Hillsborough County), FL:

- **14.3% are living in poverty** compared to 12.3% statewide.^{4,5}
- **15% are in poor or fair health** compared to 13% statewide.⁶
- **40% have had a mammography screening** compared to 44% statewide.⁶

SDOH can be grouped into 5 areas²:



Help Support **Your Patients**

In the United States, certain groups and under-resourced communities are more likely to experience barriers to getting healthcare. Economic, social, cultural, and geographic barriers must be considered when addressing access to healthcare.^{3,7} If your patient is living with cancer, it's important to discuss the challenges they may face and the various resources available. For example, patients may need access to **local resources such as food, housing, and transportation**. One potential resource that may help your patients is **Support Near Me**.

Support Near Me is a third-party website where **people living with cancer can find local resources**. These resources may help with the daily challenges of living with cancer such as housing, food, transportation, and more. Patients can connect to the support they need by entering their zip code. Access to Support Near Me is licensed by Merck solely as a convenience for patients and caregivers.*

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Visit **SupportNearMe.com**

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