Modest and Uneven: Physician Efforts to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Disparities

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This issue brief provides an overview of a recent HSC study whose results indicate that, while nearly half of U. S. physicians identify language or cultural communication barriers as obstacles to providing high-quality care, physician adoption of practices to overcome such barriers is modest and uneven. The brief makes recommendations for ways to improve physician communication and points to policy shifts that must take place in order to address the mounting challenge of effectively treating diverse patients.

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