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GPs leading innovations for Inclusion Health: creating integrated pathways to care for marginalized people

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Background and Aim: Homelessness leads to a high risk of dying young, from preventable diseases accompanied by futile super utilization of acute care services. GPs are the experts at creating innovative and effective health systems for the most vulnerable people in our society, such as people experiencing homelessness, vulnerable migrants, Gypsies and Travellers, sex workers, those in contact with criminal justice systems or using addiction services.

The development of best practice in integrated care includes taking health care to marginalised people where they live and following them into health systems and institutions. These approaches are championed by movements such as “Street Medicine” originating in the USA and the Faculty for Homeless and Inclusion Health, originating in the UK and exemplified by network-based GP led integrated care delivery in Copenhagen.

Method: in this workshop Street Medicine and Inclusion Health leaders will present a focus on approaches to integration, on the streets, in hostels and into hospitals, with examples of effective care in the various spheres.

We will explore how the GP can utilize our experience to act as advocates to bring this reality informed care into main-stream health systems and medical education.

Results: Three areas for presentation and discussion will be:

- 1) Integrating Street Medicine and Inclusion Health into medical education
- 2) Pathway Care Coordination in Hospital Settings
- 3) Primary care, public health and addiction medicine as part of a city-wide social system.

The workshop will include group discussion about future directions for the inclusion of marginalized groups into family medicine

Conclusions: We will explore how every workshop participant can implement innovations in their own practice for marginalized people starting the day after the conference has ended. Expressing our values we aim to bring compassion and vocation to the heart of clinical practice.