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### **Advances in Knowledge about Health Determinants at Population Level**

(Abstract)

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## ABSTRACT

**Title:**

**Advances in Knowledge about Health Determinants at Population Level**

My presentation will include:

- A brief historic review of theories regarding determinants of disease, with emphasis on the area of child health.
- A discussion of how current knowledge may contribute to integrate distal (political, social, economic), intermediate (behavioral, environmental) and proximate (microbiological, chemical, immunological, etc) determinants in hierarchical models of causality.
- A discussion of inequities in child health and how these may be mediated through intermediate and proximate factors.
- A discussion of the life-course approach to determinants of health, with some counter-intuitive examples of how risk factors for child health may represent protective factors in adulthood.

