

Health Equity and Primary Palliative Care for Emergency Medicine

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Emergency care

- Window to population health
- Way to address disparities & needs of society's most vulnerable



EMERGENCY ROOM







Background

- Increasing ED visits by older adults with serious illness
- Most prefer to receive care at home and to minimize life-sustaining procedures
- Palliative care improves quality of life and decreases health care use by aligning care plans with patient goals

Default Approach



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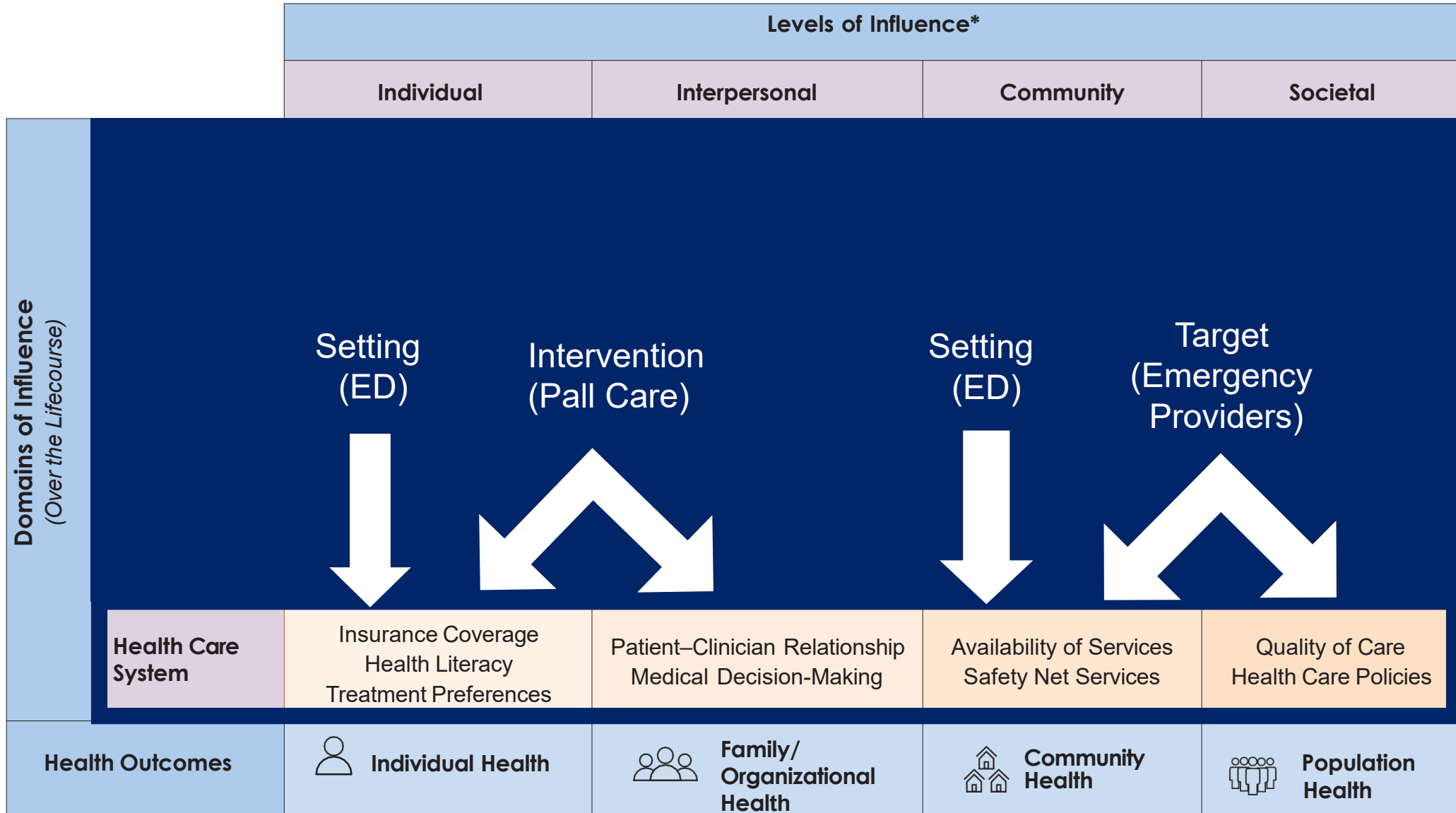
		Levels of Influence*			
		Individual	Interpersonal	Community	Societal
Domains of Influence (Over the Lifecourse)	Biological	Biological Vulnerability and Mechanisms	Caregiver–Child Interaction Family Microbiome	Community Illness Exposure Herd Immunity	Sanitation Immunization Pathogen Exposure
	Behavioral	Health Behaviors Coping Strategies	Family Functioning School/Work Functioning	Community Functioning	Policies and Laws
	Physical/Built Environment	Personal Environment	Household Environment School/Work Environment	Community Environment Community Resources	Societal Structure
	Sociocultural Environment	Sociodemographics Limited English Cultural Identity Response to Discrimination	Social Networks Family/Peer Norms Interpersonal Discrimination	Community Norms Local Structural Discrimination	Social Norms Societal Structural Discrimination
	Health Care System	Insurance Coverage Health Literacy Treatment Preferences	Patient–Clinician Relationship Medical Decision-Making	Availability of Services Safety Net Services	Quality of Care Health Care Policies
Health Outcomes	 Individual Health	 Family/ Organizational Health	 Community Health	 Population Health	

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