Community Health Workers Advancing Population Health Equity & Promoting Structural Competency
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Community health workers (CHWs) are frontline public health professionals who have an unusually close understanding of the communities they serve through shared ethnicity, culture, language, and life experiences. CHW approaches have been increasingly advocated as a mechanism to improve the health of minority and underserved populations, particularly in the current healthcare context. In this presentation, Drs. Islam and Kavathe will describe how the CHW model advances population health equity and structural competence by engaging in context-driven health promotion and prevention, addressing social determinants of health, and enhancing community capacity and leadership. They will share their experience of implementing and evaluating CHW approaches across diverse Asian American communities in New York City, and highlight a specific case study from the South Asian community.

Learning Objectives
After watching this webinar participants will be able to:

- Recognize the community health worker model
- Describe how community health worker approaches advance population health equity and structural competence
- Describe how community health workers are relevant for the Asian American population
- Explain how community health workers improve health and well-being in Asian American communities

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