Primary care has been a pillar in the practice of medicine in the U.S. for decades. Recently, positive factors, such as the Affordable Care Act, have reduced barriers to primary care. Meanwhile, negative factors, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, have exacerbated health disparities. During this Equity and Social Justice Lecture we will discuss the challenges facing primary care and opportunities and interventions to confront disparities, paving the way for equitable health care. Following the keynote address, “Advancing Health Equity: The Essential Role of Primary Care,” panelists will cover the topics of men’s health, access to care, career professions in primary care, and the insurance payer perspective.

12:00 pm  Opening Welcome Remarks  
Joan Y. Reede, MD, MPH, MS, MBA  
Dean, Diversity and Community Partnership; 
Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School; Professor of Society, Human Development and Health, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

12:05 pm  “Advancing Health Equity: The Essential Role of Primary Care”  
Judith Steinburg, MD, MPH  
Chief Medical Officer, Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy, Office of Assistant Secretary Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

12:40 pm  Q&A Session

12:55 pm  Panel Discussion  
Moderator: Alden Landry, MD, MPH  
Assistant Professor, Emergency Medicine, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center; Faculty Assistant Director, Office for Diversity Inclusion and Community Partnership, Associate Director and Advisor, Castle Society, Harvard Medical School

Panelists: Sara Fazio, MD  
Professor of Medicine, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Harvard Medical School; Associate Director of Innovation in Medical Education, Harvard Center for Primary Care

1:45 pm  Q&A Session

2:00 pm  Adjourn  
Ross Jones, MD, MPH  
Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Florida; Medical Director of Community Health, Medical Director of Total Care Clinic Group, University of Florida Health-Jacksonville, FL

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