Achieving equity in health and health care in the United States
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Abstract
The USA spends 3.3 $trillion on health care and does not achieve the health outcomes that other countries enjoy. For example the USA is 12th in infant mortality among leading economies. This seminar will explore disparities in health and health care among population groups in the USA. We will highlight changes in a broad range of health and social factors affecting health status including the opioid crisis, environmental hazard exposure, obesity, access to care among immigrants, the growing elderly population, the high cost of pharmaceutical drugs, and the integration of technology and health care. The seminar will foster discussion about solutions to achieve a healthier nation and a more equitable society.

Faculty Biography
Dr. Michael R. Cousineau is professor in Keck School of Medicine of USC in the Department of Preventive Medicine. Dr Cousineau an expert in health policy and the determinants of health care utilization for the low-income and vulnerable populations. His research focuses on policy interventions to expand health insurance coverage, studies of the effectiveness of outreach and enrollment systems for public insurance programs, and the operation of safety-net providers. His research identifies the impact of policy changes in health and access to health care services. He has most recently studied the implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and other relevant policy changes for vulnerable populations including homeless, transitional age youth and immigrants. He has been funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration, The Office of Minority Health and Disparities, The California Endowment, the California Healthcare Foundation, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He teaches health policy in the Masters in Public Health Program at USC and in the School Medicine. He has over 100 publications in health policy and research and was the 2018 commencement speaker for the USC Ostrow School of Dentistry.