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The [Social Determinants of Health](#) (SDH) Core enables UAB investigators to measure the effect of social and environmental risks for disease etiology, progression, and outcomes, and test interventions that ameliorate their effect.

SDH Core Highlights

Consultation

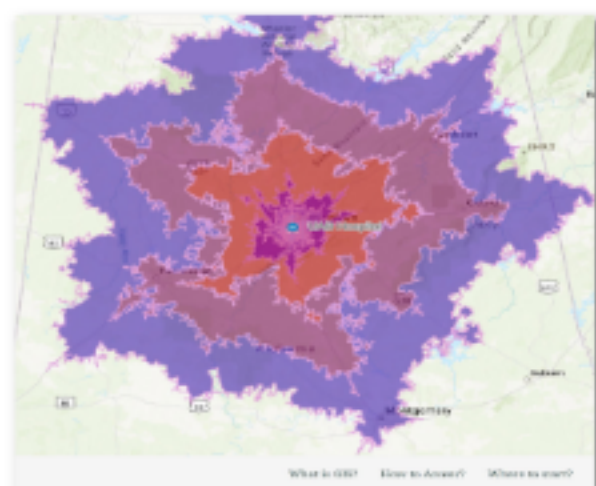


Join us for the SDH Core virtual drop-in clinic, which is held each Friday from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. Join via [zoom](#).

Do you need a private consultation? To schedule a consultation or other services, please complete and submit the request form.

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Geocoding Computer



Need HIPAA-compliant geocoding? Every Wednesday and Thursday, you can use the SDH Core geocoding computer on the 8th floor of the Boshell Diabetes Building (BDB 863).

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PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Jakub Godzik, MD, Associate Professor of Neurosurgery, published a paper, The Association of Race, Rurality, and Neighborhood Disadvantage with Disease Severity at Initial Presentation in Cervical Spondylotic Myelopathy: A Cohort Study. *Spine*. 2025 Jan 29. PMID: 39876585.

Jakub Godzik, MD, Associate Professor of Neurosurgery, published a paper, Neighborhood-level measures of socioeconomic status impact healthcare utilization and surgical outcomes in cervical spondylotic myelopathy patients in the Deep South. *J Neurosurgery: Spine*. 2025 Jan 3. PMID: 39752657.

PRESENTATIONS

Catheryn A. Orihuela, PhD, Benjamin Carter Scientist and Assistant Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine will present a poster at the Southern Sociological Society 2025 Annual Conference, *Nurturing Connections: Examining Social Cohesion in Improving Mental Health and Food Access Among Chronically Ill Adults*.

ABSTRACTS

Brad Anding, MD, Fellow in Pediatric Gastroenterology will present *Increased Time to Remission and Higher Risk of Hospitalization in Pediatric Patients with IBD Residing in Socioeconomically Vulnerable Neighborhoods at the 2025 Digestive Disease Week in San Diego*.

GRANTS

Lucia Juarez, PhD, Assistant Professor in the Division of General Internal Medicine and Population Science received pilot funding from UAB CARES to study climate vulnerability and heat island effects on physical activity in persistent poverty areas.



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