Equity and diversity in medicine

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Guiding Principles

Respect for persons

The number of cases is often acute; an emphasis on the foundational commitment of healthcare to the principle of respect for persons is needed. In such situations, the extent of consent may be limited, but the informed consent process must be considered and the benefits and burdens of the proposed action are shared.

Empowerment

Patients' autonomy is a key principle; empowering patients to make informed decisions about their care is essential. This requires clear communication of the options available, the potential consequences of each, and the support for informed decision-making.

Inclusivity

Inclusion and diversity are critical; recognizing and respecting the cultural, linguistic, and social diversity of patients is essential. Healthcare providers must be culturally competent and有能力 to meet the needs of all patients.