

Buffalo HealthCast Abstract

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Introduction: There is increasing interest in topics related to health equity and in facilitating an inclusive environment in our classrooms and on campus at the University at Buffalo (UB). However, dissemination of information on existing initiatives, community partnerships, and best practices of diversity, equity and inclusion are often limited. In this poster, we describe the launch of Buffalo HealthCast, a health equity podcast, and episodes to date.

Methods: Buffalo HealthCast is a volunteer, monthly podcast by the faculty, students, and staff of the School of Public Health and Health Professions. It was launched to facilitate discussions on health equity, with a focus on organizations and individuals working in Buffalo, as well as best practices from campuses around the country that we can replicate for a more inclusive environment here at UB.

Results: In the first season (Spring/Summer 2021), the podcast focused on racism and health with the production and dissemination of seven episodes. In Fall 2021, we are covering topics related to refugee health, incarceration and health, transgender health, and more. The poster will provide a brief summary of each episode to date, as well as a preview of upcoming topics.

Discussion: Buffalo HealthCast has provided a vehicle for discussions on health equity and inclusion at UB. It has been well-received by faculty, staff, and students at the School of Public Health and Health Professions, and we look forward to engaging with others at the Community Health Equity Research Institute Research Day to develop new partnerships and receive suggestions for new topics on our podcast.