

# Charlas Magistrales y Ponencias

## | “Impacts on Health of the Built Environment”



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The design of communities and of buildings can have major impacts on human health, especially among disadvantaged populations.

Community designs that feature parks, sidewalks, trails, public transit, access to healthy food, affordable housing, and connectivity among destinations can promote equity, encourage physical activity, facilitate contact with nature, help prevent obesity and its associated health consequences, mitigate impacts of climate change, and reduce dependence on automobiles whose use contributes to air pollution, motor vehicle crashes, and pedestrian injuries.

Increased attention to the health implications of the built environment has led to various innovative solutions, such as mixed-use Smart Growth developments, investments in pedestrian and bicycling infrastructure, incentives to reduce gentrification and displacement, and the use of health impact assessments to convey health information to community decision-makers.