

What Is Equity?

“Equity is the absence of avoidable, unfair, or remediable differences among groups of people, whether those groups are defined socially, economically, demographically or geographically or by other means of stratification. "Health equity" or “equity in health” implies that ideally everyone should have a fair opportunity to attain their full health potential and that no one should be disadvantaged from achieving this potential.”

(World Health Organization website, accessed at https://www.who.int/topics/health_equity/en/)

“Health equity means that everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be as healthy as possible. This requires removing obstacles to health such as poverty, discrimination, and their consequences, including powerlessness and lack of access to good jobs with fair pay, quality education and housing, safe environments, and health care.”

(Robert Wood Johnson Foundation website, accessed at <https://www.rwjf.org/en/library/research/2017/05/what-is-health-equity-.html>)

Visualizing Health Equity: One Size Does Not Fit All Infographic

by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation on <https://www.rwjf.org/en.html>

