



World Health Organization

What are the Social Determinants of Health?

The social determinants of health are the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age, including the health system. These circumstances are shaped by the distribution of money, power and resources at global, national and local levels, which are themselves influenced by policy choices

http://www.who.int/topics/social_determinants/en/

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What are the Determinants of Health?

- Biological:**
 - Gender, age, inherited conditions, sporadic diseases, infectious diseases
- Socioeconomic:**
 - Education, income/wealth, violence, discrimination (race, gender, age, sexual identity), family structure, social connections
- Behavioral:**
 - Alcohol, drug use, unprotected sex, nutrition, physical activity, smoking
- Physical environment:**
 - Household conditions, crowding, neighborhood characteristics, geography
- Health services:**
 - Access to quality health care, health insurance, health literacy

<http://www.cdc.gov/socialdeterminants/Definitions.html>