

Low income decreases odds of cardiologist involvement in heart failure hospital care

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Adults with low household income are less likely to have a cardiologist involved in their care during hospitalization for heart failure than adults with higher incomes, according to a study published online Nov. 20 in *JAMA Network Open*.



David T. Zhang, M.D., from Weill Cornell Medicine in New York City, and colleagues assessed whether nine social determinants of health (SDOH) are associated with cardiologist involvement in the management of adults hospitalized for heart failure. The analysis included data from 1,000 participants in the Reasons for Geographic and Racial Difference in Stroke cohort treated at 549 unique U.S. hospitals.

The researchers found that low annual household income (

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