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| **Title of Research Presentation:** Developing a typology of place-based approaches to improving health equity |
| **Background/Objectives**Research shows that urban disadvantage in Australia is highly concentrated in a small number of locations within cities, and that specific groups such as migrants and Aboriginal people are disproportionately represented in these locations.Place-based interventions are tailored to the specific features of local communities. They frequently involve collaboration between multiple service providers and sectors, including community members. However, they have typically evolved in practical settings, from a wide range of disciplines, resulting in a lack of coherence and consistency.The objective of this research was to advance the field of intersectoral action for health by developing a typology of place-based practice, to bring greater coherence and consistency to language, understanding, categorisation, and measurement of place-based approaches. **Methods**First, a literature review was conducted to distil the core elements of historical and current approaches, and to identify examples of leading practice. Second, an audit of place-based collaborations in Sydney Local Health District (SLHD) was conducted, to identify the key features and variations in local initiatives. Third, five case studies were selected for in-depth analysis. Fourth, a prototype typology was developed based on the previous methods and included the following variables: geographic scale; role of community members; depth and breadth of partnerships; cohort; orientation; intervention methods; and level of innovation. Fifth, a place-based community of practice was formed with stakeholders of place-based projects in SLHD, to test and refine the typology.**Results**The initiatives reviewed exhibited substantial variation on all variables considered. The typology proved useful for facilitating dialogue, shared understanding and collaboration between practitioners in a range of sectors and settings, though the epistemology of the leaders of the place-based interventions continued to carry substantial influence.**Discussion**The success of initiatives appeared to depend on the skills and characteristics of staff at least as much as on the framework and approach used. Future research will focus on the core staff capabilities required for success, the identification of other critical success factors, and the sustainability of mechanisms and outcomes.**Keywords**health equity; place-based initiatives; community of practice; typology |