



OHDSI Health Equity Working Group

2026 Goals & Priorities

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2026 OHDSI Health Equity WG — Goals

Research

ONE Population-Level Characterization Study

Define and launch one health equity characterization study using OMOP CDM, in partnership with the GIS Workgroup. Characterize disparities in health outcomes using place-based and/or SDoH variables across at least one OHDSI network site.

Why it matters

A single well-defined study done right transforms the WG from a discussion group into a research-producing entity.

Engagement

≥2 External (Non-OHDSI) Speakers

Invite researchers from outside the OHDSI community — public health, social epidemiology, community health — to present at WG sessions and bridge RWE methods with broader health equity practice.

Why it matters

Health equity science cannot be built inside one network. External voices challenge assumptions and expand our lens.

Integration

Map the HE WG × GIS WG Shared SDoH Landscape

Collaborate with the GIS Workgroup to identify structural overlap between place-based SDoH data needs and OHDSI geospatial infrastructure. Co-define at least one operational SDoH variable for OMOP CDM (e.g., Area Deprivation Index).

Why it matters

This shared data layer is the foundation that makes the anchor study possible — and sets up reproducible health equity research for any OHDSI site.