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UNVEILING DISPARITIES: PREVENTATIVE CARE ACCESS FOR OLDER ADULTS IN DAVIDSON COUNTY

ABSTRACT:

Using Belmont Data Collaborative data, this study explores the impact of socioeconomic factors on preventive care in adults 65+ in Davidson County, TN in 2019. Findings reveal a positive association between the proportion of older adults and preventive care use, while poverty and lack of insurance hinder utilization, and women consistently show lower adherence. This research highlights the need for expanded pharmacist roles, interprofessional collaboration, and improved access to address this growing public health concern.

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