

Episode: *Author Interview: “How Should Clinicians Follow Up About Nonresponses to Mandatory SDoH Screening Questions?”*

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[00:00:04] TIM HOFF: Welcome to another episode of the Author Interview series from the *American Medical Association Journal of Ethics*. I'm your host, Tim Hoff. This series provides an alternative way to access the interesting and important work being done by Journal contributors each month. Joining me on this episode is Dr Audriana Mooth, an incoming faculty member at the University of Washington and the winner of the 2024 John Conley Ethics Essay contest. She's here to discuss her article, “*How Should Clinicians Follow Up About Nonresponses to Mandatory SDoH Screening Questions?*,” in the September 2025 issue of the Journal, [Screening Children for Structural Drivers of Health](#). Dr Mooth, thank you so much for being here. [theme music fades]

DR AUDRIANA MOOTH: Yeah, thanks for having me.

[00:00:53] HOFF: So, what's the main ethics point of your article?

MOOTH: So the key point is that screening for structural determinants of health is important and can be a sensitive topic that takes time and requires a multidisciplinary approach to address concerns that are flagged on the screening. And really just emphasizing its importance and the sensitivity that's required to address these issues.

[00:01:17] HOFF: And so, what should health professions students and trainees specifically be taking from this article?

MOOTH: Really the most important thing is empathy: to have empathy for your patients, for people that are different from you, and for people across the country.

[00:01:31] HOFF: And finally, if you could add a point to your article that you didn't have the time or the space to fully explore, what would that be?

MOOTH: I would like to add context in that I wrote the original essay in the summer of 2024, and since then, many things have happened at the national and global scale that have made it even more imperative that we, as health care professionals, advocate for the most vulnerable members of our society and employ our expertise and creativity to address the gaps that funding cuts and fear are going to widen in our health care system and in our society. [theme music returns]

[00:02:05] HOFF: Dr Mooth, thank you so much for your time on the podcast, and thanks for your contribution to the Journal this month.

MOOTH: Well, thank you so much.

HOFF: To read the full article, as well as the rest of this month's issue for free, visit our site, journalofethics.org. We'll be back soon with more *Ethics Talk* from the *American Medical Association Journal of Ethics*.