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In Case You Missed It...

At the National Meeting, this year's **breakout group presentations** by current scholars focused on the themes of **Vulnerable Populations & Social Determinants of Health, Policy & Public Funding, Innovation in Systems Design, and Quality & Outcomes.**

As a reminder of some of the great work that was discussed (or a sample for those who were unable to attend!), we give you a summary from one of the sections:

Vulnerable Populations & Social Determinants of Health

The vulnerable populations session included impressive work spanning the globe.

[Akshay Pendyal](#) from Yale presented his work on the relationship between access to housing and congestive heart failure management. This qualitative study explored how basic needs, like housing, profoundly impact patients' ability to manage their complex chronic disease and stay out of the hospital.

[Liza Buchbinder](#) from UCLA then presented her work to insert community voice into the international discussion on child trafficking in West Africa. Liza reviewed her findings from 5 years of intense field work following Togolese adolescents and young women working in Lagos, Nigeria, which uncovered their nuanced story of leaving behind a homeland of low opportunity to forge a path towards independence and agency in urban society.

Finally, [Priscilla Mpasí](#) from Penn presented her study to characterize provider perspectives on caring for children with medical complexity. Priscilla's interviews with primary care providers revealed systematic barriers to care coordination and reimbursement needed to provide this vulnerable pediatric population with a high quality medical home in their communities.