

Disability Ethics, Intersectionality & AI/ML Bias
Speaker Series 2022/2023

**The Intersection of Diabetes and Blindness:
Lessons about Healthcare Biases**



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Join us for a critical examination of blind patients' experiences with managing diabetes and encountering bias. Blindness and diabetes are significantly interrelated. Diabetic retinopathy is the leading cause of vision loss. Blind people have an elevated risk of developing diabetes. Little is known about mental health, diabetes distress, or how to improve diabetes management for blind and low vision people. Clinicians are often untrained on competently interacting with blind patients and are, thus, prone to using heuristics and stereotypes to guide their interactions. In this talk, we will present an evidence-based picture of experiencing diabetes and blindness, highlight the lived experience of people who are blind and are seeking healthcare, and provide lessons learned and recommendations.

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