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Ankita Patil is a public health researcher focused on advancing health equity through a social justice–centered framework. She holds a B.A. in Social Psychology from The College of New Jersey and an M.S. in Community Health and Prevention Research from Stanford University. Her research experience includes work at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Johns Hopkins University, where she examined the health impacts of incarceration, trauma-informed care, and reproductive health among incarcerated populations. Ankita is a co-author of an American Public Health Association policy statement calling for an end to shackling incarcerated patients and has peer-reviewed work on COVID-19 in Massachusetts prisons. Her work bridges research, policy, and community-based advocacy to advance humane public health solutions.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 40 Under 40 Public Health Catalyst Award, Boston Congress of Public Health

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

- BA, The College of New Jersey , Social Psychology, Minor in Public Health (2022)
- EMT, National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (2021)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Unchained Care: A Public Health Perspective on Ending Shackling of Incarcerated Patients Seeking Health Care, a Policy Statement Adopted by the American Public Health Association.** *Medical care*
Patil, A., Brash, M., Brunet, L., Eckert, J. C., Odom-Konja, R., Patel, A., Piston, S., Than, T., King, B.
2025
- **Talking About Incarceration History: Engaging Patients and Healthcare Providers in Communication** *Journal of General Internal Medicine*
Patil, A., Hutchins, G. J., Dabbara, H., Handunge, V. L., Lewis-O'Connor, A., Vanjani, R., Botero, M. C.
2024
- **How the Pandemic Further Isolated the Incarcerated.** *American journal of public health*
Patil, A., Naila Segule, M.
2022; 112 (4): 590-591
- **Comparative Evaluation of Artificial Intelligence Models for Contraceptive Counseling** *Digital*
Patel, A. V., Jasani, S., AlAshqar, A., Doshi, R. H., Amin, K., Panakam, A., Patil, A., Sheth, S. S.
2025
- **Chutes and ladders: collaborating across disciplines to improve mental and physical healthcare for larger-bodied people** *Frontiers in Psychiatry*

- Tomlinson, C. N., Hampson, M. M., Patil, A., Liu, J., DuBreuil, L., Rich-Edwards, J. W.
2025
- **Menstrual Equity Behind Bars: A Call for National Policy Reform** *Women's Health Issues*
Patel, A. V., Suliman, S., Patil, A., Thiruvengadam, H., Zhang, R.
2025
 - **Impact of Participation Bias on Disease Prevalence Estimation in the All of Us Research Program: A Case Study of Ischemic Heart Disease and Stroke** *medRxiv*
Lee, Y., Patil, A., Clark, C. R., Botero, M. C., Stein, D. W., Karlson, E. W.
2024
 - **Excess mortality in U.S. prisons during the COVID-19 pandemic.** *Science advances*
Sugie, N. F., Turney, K., Reiter, K., Tublitz, R., Kaiser, D., Goodsell, R., Secrist, E., Patil, A., Jiménez, M.
2023; 9 (48): eadj8104
 - **Conditions of Confinement in U.S. Carceral Facilities During COVID-19: Individuals Speak-Incarcerated During the COVID-19 Epidemic.** *Health equity*
Cassarino, N., Dabbara, H., Monteiro, C. B., Bembury, A., Credle, L., Grandhi, U., Patil, A., White, S., Jiménez, M. C.
2023; 7 (1): 261-270
 - **Shackling and pregnancy care policies in US prisons and jails.** *Maternal and child health journal*
Kramer, C., Thomas, K., Patil, A., Hayes, C. M., Sufirin, C. B.
2023; 27 (1): 186-196
 - **Examining COVID-19 mortality rates by race and ethnicity among incarcerated people in 11 U.S. state prisons (March-October 2021).** *SSM - population health*
Li, M. Y., Grebbin, S., Patil, A., Cowger, T. L., Kunichoff, D., Feldman, J., Jiménez, M. C.
2022; 20: 101299
 - **Assessment of Practices Affecting Racial and Ethnic COVID-19 Vaccination Equity in 10 Large US Cities.** *Journal of public health management and practice : JPHMP*
Honeycutt, C. C., Contento, J., Kim, J., Patil, A., Balu, S., Sendak, M.
2022; 28 (6): E778-E788

PRESENTATIONS

- COVID-19 Inequities by Sex Between US Carceral Facilities & General Population: Lessons on Data Collection from Investigative Journalism - Discover Brigham (November 2020)
- Examining Conditions of Confinement During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Individuals Speak – Incarcerated During the COVID Epidemic (INSIDE) - Discover Brigham (November 2020)
- COVID-19 Inequities by Race & Ethnicity in U.S. Carceral Facilities - New England Science Symposium (April 2021)
- Examining Racial Inequities in Stroke Incidence within Durham County - Duke Margolis Summer Research Symposium (July 2021)
- Reflecting on Health Inequalities in a Global Pandemic - American Journal of Public Health Student Think Tank Symposium (January 2022)
- Estimating COVID- 19 Inequities by Race/Ethnicity Among Incarcerated People in U.S. State Prisons - Academic Consortium on Criminal Justice Health Conference (April 2022)
- Health Care Policies and Services for Pregnant People in U.S. Prisons and Jails - Academic Consortium on Criminal Justice Health Conference (April 1, 2022)
- Talking about History of Incarceration: Engaging Patients & Healthcare Providers in Communication (THInc) - Society of General Internal Medicine 2022 Annual Meeting (4/2022)
- Excess Mortality in U.S. Prisons During the COVID-19 Pandemic - All-UC Demography Conference (May 2023)
- Comparative Readability Assessment of Four Large Language Models in Answers to Common Contraception Questions - American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Conference (May 2024)