

Session B Title: Healthy Living Pantry Program

Time: 2:00-2:45 pm

Location: San Carlos 2

Presenter: Kristina Hong, NP, Antelope Valley Medical Center

Session Description: Food insecurity remains a significant social determinant of health, impacting the well-being of individuals and families throughout our communities. Antelope Valley Healthcare District has partnered with local organizations to address food insecurity among oncology patients through innovative outreach, resource coordination and community engagement.

Learn how the District and its community partners developed and implemented the Healthy Living Pantry Program to increase access to nutritious food and improve health outcomes for patients in need. Attendees will gain insight into how healthcare districts and community-based organizations can work together to create sustainable programs, strengthen community trust and address social determinants of health.

This session will share practical strategies and best practices for building collaborative partnerships that leverage community resources and respond to the needs of vulnerable populations.



Kristina Hong, NP, has dedicated her career to direct patient care. She joined Antelope Valley Medical Center in 2006 as a registered nurse in the emergency department and continues to care for patients as a nurse practitioner with Antelope Valley Emergency Medical Associates. Throughout her career, Kristina has served in numerous roles, including legal nurse consultant, pediatric liaison nurse, pre-hospital care coordinator, relief charge nurse and fire department nurse educator. She holds a master's degree in nursing/family nurse practitioner from Maryville University and is credentialed by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners.