

Health Research Overview



Special Olympics
Health
FOUNDATION
MADE POSSIBLE BY **Golisano**

84%

of health care providers

feel better prepared to treat people with ID as a result of volunteering with Special Olympics



People with intellectual disabilities are

2x

more likely to die before 50 than adults without intellectual disabilities



Over half (52%) of medical school deans and students report that graduates are “not competent” to treat people with intellectual disabilities



Over **1.9 million** free health exams for people with ID in more than 130 countries worldwide

29.9%

obesity rate for Special Olympics athletes

13.0%

obesity rate for the general population

In the United States, adults with intellectual disabilities (SO athletes) are more than **two times** as likely to be obese compared to adults without intellectual disabilities