



## Women Living with HIV

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### Message from the Guest Editors

The HIV epidemic continues to affect women, as women account for the 54% of the 36,000,000 adults who live with HIV, globally ([www.WHO.int](http://www.WHO.int)). Although a smaller proportion (46%) of new infections worldwide are among women, in 2019, only 1.1M received anti-retroviral medications to prevent maternal-to-child transmission of the virus, for the 1.3M pregnant women diagnosed with HIV—leaving themselves and their children at risk for a lifetime of health complications. Even in high income countries, such as the US, disproportionate, health-related outcomes for racial/ethnic minority women continue today in terms of new HIV infections and sexually transmitted infections—due to poverty and stigma ([WomensHealth.gov](http://WomensHealth.gov)), geographic inequities, racial discrimination, and medical mistrust (Randolph et al., 2020).

We will focus the conversation of this Special Issue around recent findings that paint a holistic picture of what is known about women with HIV in the world. The environments and frameworks that encompass multi-level approaches to understanding the unique challenges and vulnerabilities faced by all women will be included.





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