



Health and Wellbeing of Individuals with Disability

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Message from the Guest Editors

Disability affects millions of people globally, as well as their families and society. Some individuals are born with disabilities from birth, perhaps due to a congenital medical condition or an event that happened during delivery. Others acquire disability at a later stage of life, for instance through a traumatic accident during midlife. Others still age into disability in the later years of life. Disability is multifaceted, and how it is experienced, perceived, and discussed differs across geographical and academic cultures and traditions. In the last few decades, disability-related research has been largely shaped by the International Classification of Functioning, Disability, and Health (ICF) framework, where it is recognized that activities, participation, the environment, and personal factors, in addition to body function and structures, interact to shape a person's life. In this inaugural Issue of Disability, we encourage submissions related to quality of life (QoL), wellbeing, and health in individuals with disabilities across the lifespan from a person-centered multidisciplinary perspective.





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Message from the Editor-in-Chief

Disability is a multidimensional construct and is the product of complex and situational interactions between an individual's attributes and their environments. This broadens the perspective of disability and allows for the examination of individual, social, and environmental influences on functioning, disability, and ability occurring in historical and cultural settings. Consequently, *Disabilities* is inclusive of all types of disability, across all ages and contexts. We particularly welcome articles from low- and middle- income countries and articles that are authored/co-authored by people with the lived experience of disabilities.

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