



## **Emerging Geographies of Opioids and HIV/HCV: Services, Responses, and Prevention**

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### **Message from the Guest Editor**

During the past decade, the opioid epidemic has fueled an increase in people who inject drugs (PWID), shaping new geographies of HIV/HCV-related risk in the U.S. and abroad. This Special Issue of the *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, on the “Emerging Geographies of Opioids and HIV/HCV: Services, Responses, and Prevention”, offers an opportunity for multi-disciplinary researchers to come together and bring new understanding to the evolving opioid crisis and its relationship to emerging geographies of HIV/HCV-related risk, health services research and response. To frame the development of effective policy interventions, it is critically important that the interconnected opioid and HIV/HCV epidemics be better understood, along with geographically-varying responses, services, and prevention activities. We are particularly interested in research related to increasing trends in HIV/HCV-related opioid risk and responses (both public policy and new research initiatives) within non-urban communities (i.e., suburban and rural areas).





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