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The Impact of Social Stigma on Marginalized Populations

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Social stigma is a negative attitude towards/discrimination against an individual or a group of people whose health conditions, beliefs, and behaviors do not align with societal norms, an example being persons living with HIV. Social stigmas can lead to treatment non-adherence, negative health outcomes, psychological trauma, financial security, various types of violence, etc. This Special Issue calls for short communications, reviews, concept analysis, theoretical contributions (e.g., concept analysis, theory analysis, theory development), and original studies (qualitative, quantitative, mixed methods, research methods, and psychometric properties of instruments) along with quality improvement, EBP, and policy analysis related to social stigma.

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