

## Special Issue

# Oral Health Disparities in Children and Adolescents: Determinants and Challenges (2nd Edition)

### Message from the Guest Editor

Access to dental care for prevention and treatment is crucial to ensure optimal oral health. Dental care has recently been identified as the most prevalent unmet health need among children in the United States. The disparity in oral health among children and adolescents is a pressing concern, highlighting inequities in access to dental care and meeting specific oral health needs. Financial barriers constitute a significant deterrent to obtaining dental care, especially for children who reside in low-income households. Children from low-income and minority families have poorer oral health outcomes, fewer dental visits, and fewer protective sealants.

The goal of this Special Issue is to raise awareness and highlight the current issues surrounding oral health determinants and disparities in children and adolescents. We invite manuscripts that comprehensively describe the prevailing understanding of oral health determinants and disparities in youth and focus attention on addressing the oral health statuses of children and their access to care.

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