

Special Issue

Oral Health Disparities in Children and Adolescents: Determinants and Challenges

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. Oral health is also the most prevalent unmet health need of children with special health care needs. We welcome original research reports, reviews, and meta-analyses for submission to this Special Issue, and we encourage the submission of proposals for interdisciplinary work and collaborative research. We look forward to receiving your contributions and creating a Special Issue with the aim of providing readers with updated research findings and novel data in understanding the oral health determinants and disparities in children and adolescents.

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