

## Special Issue

# Closing the Cancer Equity Gap: Cancer Services in Rural and Medically Underserved Communities

### Message from the Guest Editors

Despite advances in cancer prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and survival, disparities in cancer outcomes continue to persist in underserved and rural communities. Low-income, rural, and minority populations experience higher incidence, morbidity and mortality rates from cancer than other populations. In addition, these populations suffer higher rates of psychological and physical distress, financial burden, health service use, and in-hospital death. For this Special Issue of *Current Oncology*, we invite submissions that advance the understanding of the disparities in cancer care amongst medically underserved and rural populations as well as those that describe strategies, approaches, and policies along the cancer care continuum that will effectively deliver optimal care for these populations. Underserved communities can include: racial/ethnic minorities, rural populations, First Nations, Inuit, Metis, urban indigenous, aged, adolescent/young adult, LGBTQ, people with disabilities, immigrants and refugees, and under- and uninsured communities.

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