Special Issue

Inequality in Health Systems and Health Outcomes

Message from the Guest Editor

In recent years, researchers have become increasingly interested in how the distribution of income across society affects health outcomes. One theoretical perspective postulated that as income disparities increase, low-income individuals experience financial insecurity and shame. A lack of investment in low-income areas (i.e., housing, education, and public transportation) exacerbate other inequities that lead to worse health outcomes. Studies showed that the risk of being depressed is higher in populations with higher income inequality. In the first Special Issue, we have focused on inequality in the health system for this specific issue we would like to focus on health outcomes. Some of the main areas to be covered in this Special Issue include:

- Poverty, income inequality, and health outcome (life expectancy, low birth weight, depression, obesity, hypertension, etc.);
- Housing inequalities and health outcomes;
- Education inequalities and health outcomes;
- Lobbying, rent-seeking, and health inequality;
- Structural racism and income inequality and its impact on health outcomes.

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