



Inequalities in Health and Healthcare

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Numerous studies have documented avoidable differences in health, within and between populations. The focus has often been on individual determinants, such as gender, age and ethnicity. In addition, to tackle inequalities, there is a need to move beyond measuring; to understand why these inequalities arise and how they can be addressed.

This Special Issue seeks to extend the parameters of inequalities research in health and healthcare beyond measuring and documenting inequalities. Reviews, observational studies, and quasi-experimental and other evaluation designs (using quantitative, qualitative or mixed methods), focusing on the following would be particularly welcomed.

- understanding inequalities across health and care systems or at structural levels
- methodological developments to understand drivers of inequalities
- efforts to reduce inequalities, particularly in evidence-based healthcare or public health policy and practice
- understanding and mitigating the adverse impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on inequalities





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