



## Cancer Health Disparities

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### Message from the Guest Editor

The progress in cancer prevention has not been experienced equally across the population, with significant disparities observed according to sociodemographic characteristics. Increasingly, researchers and policymakers have focused on the role of geography in the emergence of cancer health disparities, including regional variation, neighborhood characteristics, the built and social environment, and environmental exposures. To move the field forward, we need a more nuanced understanding of the independent and interactive effects of (1) multiple area-level characteristics, e.g., neighborhood rurality *and* employment; (2) compositional and contextual attributes, e.g., median household income *and* crime rate; and (3) multilevel variables, e.g., individual-level gender *and* the area-level poverty rate.





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