



## Social Capital and Rural Health

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Social capital resources including social networks, shared values, norms, trust, and leadership influence how communities come together to take advantage of opportunities and solve problems, and how effectively they can access external resources for community benefit. There is room for more evaluation of what works where and when in drawing on social capital for innovative service delivery, wellbeing programs, and for attracting and retaining health professionals in rural communities. Papers addressing these topics are invited for this Special Issue, especially those combining a high academic standard coupled with a practical focus on providing innovative solutions for the provision of services, supporting community wellbeing, or attracting and retaining health professionals.

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## Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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