



Health Care Equity

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Message from the Guest Editors

This special issue will document how recent or proposed policy changes and interventions affect health care equity, with emphasis on the roles of biological, behavioral, physical/built environment, sociocultural environment, and healthcare system influences at the individual, interpersonal, community, and societal levels. Lessons learned across health care settings, geographic regions, and underserved populations will be provided. The National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities provides a research framework for understanding the multifaceted domains of influence and levels of influence within domains that facilitate changes in health care equity. Researchers interested in submitting papers for this Special Issue should refer to this framework (<https://www.nimhd.nih.gov/about/overview/research-framework.html>). Examples of strategies that may influence health care equity include: expansion of Medicaid programs, implementation of the health insurance benefit exchanges, implementation of other provisions of the ACA, efforts to address environmental justice, neighborhood revitalization, community health coalitions, and implementation of precision medicine.





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