



Social Vulnerability and Health Care: Analysis and Intervention

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Message from the Guest Editors

The great socio-economic inequalities present in the world fragment the social fabric into groups of populations with extremely uneven life expectations. The lower-income groups and those with poor socio-cultural integration with the general population show a greater social vulnerability. By social vulnerability is meant a condition of uncertainty of life, with different degrees of economic and social hardship, which affects all age groups, reflecting on the health status of the individual. When physical disability is added to socio-economic barriers, the picture of “social inequity” becomes even greater. Vulnerability is primarily a social policy problem, and only after that can it be considered as a health problem. Therefore, the solution to the problem is twofold: socio-cultural and health.

The goal of this Special Issue is to classify vulnerabilities and identify appropriate socio-health intervention strategies that are not limited to the medical sciences. Works related to the epidemiology, prevention, and treatment of pathologies related to socio-health vulnerability are welcome.





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