

## Special Issue

# Health Equity and Universal Health Coverage

### Message from the Guest Editors

According to the World Health Organization, universal health coverage implies that "all people and communities receive the health services they need without limitations due to their economic situation".

Universal health coverage must include not only the treatment of acute and chronic diseases but also activities focused on prevention of health problems, rehabilitation and palliative care, and health promotion including physical and mental health across the life course. Achieving UHC is one of the targets the nations of the world set when they adopted the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals in 2015. And it is a prerequisite and condition to health equity. Hence the importance of scientific studies on the progress that is being made towards this goal, and knowing if all types of health services are affected to the same extent. It is also important to collect evidence about how advances in UHC impact on health outcomes in different social groups. Lastly, it is also of interest to know proposals and reflections on how to achieve and implement sustainable policies that bring closer the objective of equity in health and UHC.

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