

Special Issue

Exploring and Addressing Healthcare Inequalities in Marginalized Communities

Message from the Guest Editor

In the widely differing healthcare systems across the globe, inequalities in care contribute to unequal health outcomes. Often, the negative impact of these inequalities is seen most clearly within communities that are marginalized either by the healthcare system specifically or at a broader societal level. While marginalization carries an implication of harm and exclusion, healthcare “at the margins” can be a place of innovation towards more effective care and a more promising future. This Special Issue invites contributions to advance our collective understanding of how marginalization manifests in real-world health(care) contexts, as well as what can be implemented to mitigate its harms and advance new forms of care that better meet humanity’s needs. The issue will adopt an inclusive interpretation of factors that may drive marginalization, such as lack of geographic or financial access to care, societal discrimination against specific groups, the ongoing influence of historical context or trauma, and/or misalignment between system services and population or ecosystem priorities, including presumptive norms of what healthcare can or should provide.

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