

Special Issue

Hearing Health in Vulnerable Groups

Message from the Guest Editor

Hearing health is a fundamental aspect of overall well-being, yet vulnerable populations often face significant challenges in accessing appropriate care. Individuals from low-income communities, the elderly, children with developmental disabilities, and occupationally exposed workers are particularly at risk of undiagnosed or untreated hearing loss. Socioeconomic barriers, limited healthcare infrastructure, and a lack of awareness contribute to disparities in hearing healthcare access and intervention. Additionally, cultural perceptions of hearing loss and disability may influence help-seeking behaviours, further exacerbating inequalities. This Special Issue, entitled “Hearing Health in Vulnerable Groups”, aims to explore the unique challenges, risk factors, and intervention strategies for hearing care among at-risk populations. We invite original research, systematic reviews, and case studies that address innovative approaches to screening, early intervention, hearing conservation, and policy recommendations. By shedding light on these issues, this collection seeks to inform inclusive healthcare practises and advocate for equitable hearing health services.

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