

Special Issue

Discrimination as a Social Determinant of Health and Healthcare Inequities

Message from the Guest Editor

Social determinants of health (SDOHs) are the non-medical, environmental, and social conditions that impact health outcomes and well-being, such as the following:

- Systemic racism and discrimination, poverty and unequal access to resources;
- Economic stability (housing instability, substandard housing conditions, food insecurity and nutritional challenges, employment and income barriers);
- Education access and quality (high school dropout rates, limited career opportunities);
- Healthcare access and quality (limited primary care access, rural healthcare disparities);
- Neighborhood and physical/built environment (lack of healthy food options, crime and violence, environmental health concerns, and lack of transportation);
- Social and community context (community resources, religious and cultural affiliations, community engagement), and;
- Early abuse, violence and trauma.

SDOHs, including racism and discrimination, directly contribute to health disparities among communities of color and marginalized populations nationally and globally, threatening health equity.

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