

Special Issue

Promoting Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health in Immigrants and Minorities

Message from the Guest Editors

Adolescents and youth from immigrant and minority backgrounds often face unique challenges in accessing and utilizing sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services. Barriers such as cultural stigmas, limited health literacy, language difficulties, socioeconomic disparities, and restricted access to health care can negatively impact their health outcomes. This young population are also more likely to experience higher rates of unintended pregnancies, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and poor maternal health outcomes. The intersectionality of being both an adolescent and youth and a member of an immigrant or minority group often exacerbates these health risks, highlighting the urgent need for tailored interventions. This Special Issue aims to explore the current state of adolescent SRH in immigrant and minority populations, examining factors contributing to health disparities and identifying culturally appropriate, inclusive strategies to promote SRH. It seeks to highlight innovative approaches, programs, and policies that empower adolescents from these communities, ensuring equitable access to SRH education, services, and resources.

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