

## Special Issue

# The Role of Health Literacy in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

### Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue explores the critical role of health literacy in health promotion and disease prevention. As healthcare systems evolve, fostering health literacy becomes essential in empowering individuals to make informed decisions about their health and well-being. Articles in this collection highlight the intersection of health literacy with various health promotion initiatives, examining how improving the former can lead to better disease prevention practices, adherence to medical advice, and overall health management. This Special Issue also addresses the challenges faced by vulnerable populations who may have limited health literacy, as well as the strategies employed to overcome these barriers through education, communication, and technology. By focusing on evidence-based approaches and innovative interventions, this collection emphasizes the importance of integrating health literacy into public health frameworks and policies. Through collaboration across sectors, promoting health literacy can significantly contribute to reducing health disparities and improving public health outcomes globally.

### Guest Editors

Prof. Dr. Rakale C. Quarells

Department of Community Health and Preventive Medicine, Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA 30310, USA

Prof. Dr. Rhonda Holliday

Department of Community Health and Preventive Medicine, Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA 30310, USA

### Deadline for manuscript submissions

1 March 2026



## International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health

---

an Open Access Journal  
by MDPI

---

CiteScore 8.5  
Indexed in PubMed



[mdpi.com/si/234663](https://mdpi.com/si/234663)

*International Journal of  
Environmental Research and  
Public Health*  
Editorial Office  
MDPI, Grosspeteranlage 5  
4052 Basel, Switzerland  
Tel: +41 61 683 77 34  
[ijerph@mdpi.com](mailto:ijerph@mdpi.com)

[mdpi.com/journal/  
ijerph](https://mdpi.com/journal/ijerph)





# International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health

---

an Open Access Journal  
by MDPI

---

CiteScore 8.5  
Indexed in PubMed



[mdpi.com/journal/  
ijerph](https://mdpi.com/journal/ijerph)



## About the Journal

### Message from the Editor-in-Chief

Addressing the environmental and public health challenges requires engagement and collaboration among clinicians and public health researchers. Scientific discoveries and advances in this research field play a critical role in providing a rational basis for informed decision-making toward control and prevention of human diseases, especially the illnesses that are induced from environmental exposure to health hazards.

*IJERPH* provides a forum for discussion of discoveries and knowledge in these multidisciplinary fields. Please consider publishing your research in this high quality peer-reviewed journal.

---

### Editor-in-Chief

Prof. Dr. Paul B. Tchounwou

RCMI Center for Urban Health Disparities Research and Innovation,  
Richard N. Dixon Research Center, Morgan State University, Baltimore,  
MD 21251, USA

---

### Author Benefits

#### Open Access:

free for readers, with article processing charges (APC) paid by authors or their institutions.

#### High Visibility:

indexed within Scopus, PubMed, MEDLINE, PMC, Embase, GEOBASE, CAPlus / SciFinder, and other databases.

#### Journal Rank:

CiteScore - Q1 (Public Health, Environmental and Occupational Health)