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# Addressing Disparities in Health and Healthcare Globally

# Message from the Guest Editors

Whilst many are living for longer and, generally, overall health might be improving, health and healthcare disparities remain urgent public health concerns and continue to require rigorous evidence-based scholarly attention. The COVID-19 pandemic disproportionately affected marginalised populations and exacerbated existing health and healthcare disparities, and although research on health and healthcare disparities has been plentiful before and after COVID-19, substantial gaps in the access, quality, and outcomes of health and healthcare persist and are growing for vulnerable and marginalised groups. A complex set of structural inequities, systemic barriers, and social determinants of health continue to mean that there are significantly poorer health outcomes for certain populations.

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