

Special Issue

Addressing Health Disparities in Disadvantaged and Vulnerable Groups

Message from the Guest Editor

Understanding how economic, physical, social, psychological and cultural group members interact to produce such health disparities is an important step in ensuring health systems are able to support vulnerable and disadvantaged groups, as well as implementing public health interventions sensitively in the community to reduce vulnerability. Intersectionality theory, which refers to ways in which an individual's identity can expose them to overlapping forms of discrimination or marginalization as a result of 'membership' of multiple groups (e.g., 'Hispanic' and 'female'), has led to greater appreciation of the potential compounding effects of group memberships. This Special Issue seeks submissions that go beyond merely demonstrating health disparities in disadvantaged and vulnerable groups, to begin to answer the questions "how does individual or multiple group membership lead to health decrements?" and "how can public health and primary health care systems be restructured to address the disadvantage suffered by vulnerable groups?"

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