

Special Issue

Addressing the Health Needs of Individuals Experiencing Homelessness

Message from the Guest Editors

Homelessness and health are at the opposite ends of the wellness spectrum, and providing adequate health care and reducing homelessness are strategies that can support wellness in a community. Homelessness is closely connected to declines in physical and mental health. Unhoused individuals often experience high rates of health problems such as HIV, mental illness, and other serious conditions. The health problems facing individuals experiencing homelessness result from various factors, including lack of housing, discrimination, lack of access to adequate protection, and limited resources for social services. Developing strategies for reducing the multiple health risk factors which predispose populations to homelessness, the acute and long-term health complications of homelessness, and identifying the economic costs to the health care system in managing the health of individuals experiencing homelessness are critical factors in designing and implementing strategies that improve the health of individuals and families experiencing homelessness. This Special Issue is open to studies related to health and health care of individuals experiencing homelessness.

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