

Special Issue

Role of Social Determinants in Health of Vulnerable Groups

Message from the Guest Editor

Social, economic, and environmental factors such as income inequality, access to education, housing instability, discrimination, and healthcare access play a pivotal role in shaping health outcomes across diverse communities. These factors disproportionately affect marginalized and at-risk groups, including racial and ethnic minorities, low-income populations, rural residents, refugees, and individuals with disabilities.

This Special Issue will highlight innovative research, policies, and interventions that address the root causes of health disparities. We encourage contributions that explore a wide range of topics, including but not limited to the following:

- The intersection of SDOH and chronic disease outcomes;

- Health disparities in mental health, maternal and child health, and infectious diseases;

- Structural racism, discrimination, and their impacts on health access and outcomes;

- Community-based strategies to mitigate SDOH and promote health equity;

- The role of law, policy, and healthcare systems in addressing health inequities;

- Other assessments of SDOH and its impact on vulnerable groups.

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