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Cancer Prevention and Control: How Systemic Inequities, Place, and Context Matters

Message from the Guest Editors

The cancer control continuum is often described as distinct phases including prevention, detection, diagnosis, treatment, and survivorship. The burden of cancer along this continuum can vary considerably while disproportionately affecting some populations over others. The neighborhoods and communities where people live, work, and play are also key determinants of inequities in the cancer control continuum. Sources of these inequities may be structural (e.g., residential segregation or the built environment) and may interact with other cancer-related factors, such as reduced resources for physical activity and lack of access to healthy foods creating an obesogenic environment. Often, inequities may be further driven by a lack of access to screening and quality care. In this Special Issue, we are broadly interested in research that helps to better understand how underserved populations may be affected by cancer and the ways neighborhood, environments, and health system factors may increase inequities across the cancer control continuum.

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