

## Special Issue

# Closing the Health Gap for Rural and Remote Communities

### Message from the Guest Editors

The evidence base regarding rural and remote health requires substantial expansion, particularly through the lenses of intersectionality and system entanglement. Our current paradigm examining health determinants in isolation neglects the complex interplay of environmental, social, and economic factors that shape rural health outcomes. The rural context demands particular attention as environmental stressors escalate due to climate change, population dynamics, and economic transitions. We invite researchers and practitioners to contribute to this vital discourse, recognizing that closing the health gap for rural and remote communities requires a fundamental reimagining of how we conceptualize, monitor, and address environmental determinants of health. Our hope is that this Special Issue will catalyze innovative approaches that recognize the inseparability of environmental quality, health outcomes, and social justice in rural settings.

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