

## Special Issue

# Advancing Health Equity— Addressing Cancer Disparities

### Message from the Guest Editor

Cancer disparities are unequal cancer incidence, mortality, and outcomes among different populations, which remain a pressing public health issue. These disparities are often rooted in systemic factors (socioeconomic status, race, ethnicity, and geographic location). To address these inequities, a multifaceted approach is required:

- **Social Determinants of Health:** Examining and addressing factors like poverty, education, housing, and access to healthcare.
- **Patient–Provider Communication:** Ensuring that patients feel reassured to express their health concerns and are fully aware of their health risks.
- **Community-Based Interventions:** Implementing culturally relevant programs and services that meet the specific needs of underserved communities.
- **Policy and Systems Changes:** Advocating for policies that promote health equity and access to affordable healthcare.
- **Research and Data:** Conducting rigorous research and interventions centered on understanding the root causes of cancer disparities.
- **Collaboration and Partnerships:** Fostering partnerships between healthcare providers, researchers, policymakers, community leaders, and community members reduce cancer disparities.

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