

## Special Issue

# Achieving Equity in Medical Care Access in the Next Evolution of Health Care for Historically and Contemporarily Medically Underserved Patient Communities

### Message from the Guest Editor

Achieving health equity for all patients, especially those that are in communities that have been historically and contemporarily underserved, will require knowledge of the multilevel barriers to effective access to medical care. Patients from racial/ethnic minority, low income, and linguistically diverse communities have faced disparities in access to care and also consequential disproportionate poor health outcomes. New strategies for expanding access to care, and improving health care quality, for the most vulnerable patients, are needed. This Special Issue plans to give an overview of the most recent advances in the field of and their applications in diverse communities.

Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- Role of Community-Engagement to improve medical care access and population health
- The impact (and continuing effects) of COVID-19 on access to care
- Conceptual Frameworks for medical care access among unserved communities
- Use of data science (AI/ML) to focus on gaps in access to care, for specific populations
- Role of technology for patient populations, and making health technology more patient-centered for uptake and use

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