# **Special Issue**

# Addressing Healthcare Inequities for Older Adults: Challenges and Pathways to Equitable Healthcare Services

# Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue focuses on the intersection of health inequities and equitable access to healthcare services for older people, with a particular emphasis on the social determinants of health. Older people face unique challenges in accessing equitable healthcare services, which can lead to worse health outcomes for this population. Additionally, socioeconomic disparities, rural isolation, and limited access to digital technologies, such as telehealth, further exacerbate these challenges.

The Special Issue will explore themes such as economic disparities, sociocultural aspects that have an impact on older people's access to healthcare services, and the effect of multiple structural disadvantages—such as disability, race, and migration status—on the creation and perpetuation of health inequities for older people. It will also explore the barriers and facilitators in accessing healthcare services, as well as policies that can promote equity in healthcare. The goal is to shed light on the systemic factors contributing to health inequities and propose solutions for more inclusive healthcare for older people.

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