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Challenging Health Disparities through the Promotion of Health Equity

Message from the Guest Editors

Health inequities are systematic differences in the opportunities groups have to achieve optimal health, leading to unfair and avoidable differences in health outcomes. The promotion of health equity requires epidemiologists and scientists to capture accurate race data to disseminate credible information about racial disparities, researchers to clearly communicate racial and health disparities, and leaders in public health and health policy to develop interventions and create just policies. In addition to systemic change, those in public health should continue to work with individuals, communities, organizations, and policymakers to address behaviors and policies that promote deleterious behaviors. Minorities tend to be negatively impacted by structural decisions and policymaking that, in turn, impact their health and overall quality of life. The data cycle, specifically the collection and reporting of race data used to develop interventions and report disparities, needs to be re-examined in order to better promote public health and social justice efforts with the ultimate goal of achieving health equity.

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