

Special Issue

Social Factors Influencing Health Outcomes Among Persons Living with HIV

Message from the Guest Editors

The HIV epidemic continues to affect millions globally. Despite medical advancements that have improved prognosis and life expectancy, health disparities persist. Addressing upstream factors such as social inclusion and broader determinants of health are therefore essential in tackling this pandemic. Factors such as housing, education, transportation, social stigma, discrimination, and lack of support create significant challenges for PLHIV in achieving optimal health outcomes, and these social barriers impact care access and adherence, exacerbating health inequities. Thus, the aim of this Special Issue is to provide empirical evidence on how cultural, structural, and interpersonal factors intersect with SDoH, either facilitating or hindering the health and well-being of PLHIV. Topics will include systemic inequities, stigma, and intersectionality, their impact on HIV care, adherence, and comorbidities such as mental health and tuberculosis. We invite original research and reviews to guide public health policies and promote health equity for PLHIV.

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