

## Special Issue

# Rural Health Care

### Message from the Guest Editors

Rural populations experience poor health status compared with their urban living counterparts, not helped by inequitable access to health care. Addressing this inequity requires a multifaceted approach to recruit and retain health and medical workforce equipped to deliver quality health care that is responsive to need. This issues of IJERPH will focus on research to inform the delivery of quality health care to rural populations. To encourage an integrated approach to identifying sustainable solutions, submissions are being invited on research that informs the six dimensions of quality health care—accessible, effective, efficient, patient centred, safe and equitable. This may include research on recruitment and retention of rural health workforce, systems thinking approach to providing quality rural health care, model of health care for rural populations, digital technology for healthcare, or any other aspect of health care that would inform the delivery of sustainable quality health care for rural populations.

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