

Special Issue

Rural Health Disparities

Message from the Guest Editors

Rural–urban health disparities persist and are growing, with health outcomes significantly poorer among rural populations. Chronic disease prevalence and age-adjusted mortality rates (preventable deaths) are significantly higher in rural areas for diabetes, cancer, stroke, and cardiovascular disease, and rates of overweight and obesity as well as of tobacco and opioid use exceed those of urban populations. Comparing two extreme life expectancies in the U.S., poor African-American men in rural areas average a 67.7-year life expectancy, which is 20 years shorter than that of equally poor Asian-Pacific Islander women in urban areas (89.6 years). This Special Issue invites studies and comprehensive reviews on rural health disparities and interventions to reduce them. Papers that address racial-ethnic, gender, segregation, or other disparities within rural communities, compare rural communities in the US or elsewhere or both, integrate several contributing variables from different levels, compare interventions, or present new interventions or policy approaches are especially welcome.

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