

Special Issue

Women Living with HIV

Message from the Guest Editors

The HIV epidemic continues to affect women, as women account for the 54% of the 36,000,000 adults who live with HIV, globally (www.WHO.int). Although a smaller proportion (46%) of new infections worldwide are among women, in 2019, only 1.1M received anti-retroviral medications to prevent maternal-to-child transmission of the virus, for the 1.3M pregnant women diagnosed with HIV—leaving themselves and their children at risk for a lifetime of health complications. Even in high income countries, such as the US, disproportionate, health-related outcomes for racial/ethnic minority women continue today in terms of new HIV infections and sexually transmitted infections—due to poverty and stigma (WomensHealth.gov), geographic inequities, racial discrimination, and medical mistrust (Randolph et al., 2020). We will focus the conversation of this Special Issue around recent findings that paint a holistic picture of what is known about women with HIV in the world. The environments and frameworks that encompass multi-level approaches to understanding the unique challenges and vulnerabilities faced by all women will be included.

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