# **Special Issue**

# **Asthma Risk and Prevention**

# Message from the Guest Editor

Asthma is a chronic disease which can affect individuals over the course of a lifetime. According to the World Health Organization (WHO 2017) approximately 235 million people suffer from asthma worldwide with most asthma-related deaths occurring in low- and lowermiddle income countries. Children are a particularly vulnerable population for asthma exacerbation effects, especially when the built environment and air pollution are considered. Asthma may have far-reaching health impacts including effects on physical activity and resulting obesity outcomes. Asthma can be a debilitating disease which can impact socioeconomic status, education outcomes and work productivity due to missed days for sickness. While the exact cause(s) of asthma remain unknown, understanding risk and prevention remains an important objective of public health research. Research across the lifespan, both in cities and rural areas and in both developing and developed countries, can offer a critical guide for policy efforts and planning for public health. This Special Issue is open to any subject area related to asthma risk and prevention, Dr. Lori Hoepner

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