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Natural and Built Outdoor Environments and Children's Health

Message from the Guest Editors

Exposures in early childhood and through adolescent development set trajectories for risks of disease and illness in adulthood. Despite the importance of childhood exposures to lifelong health, they remain less studied and more poorly understood than adulthood exposures.

Countless attributes of childhood environments can impact lifelong health. Of particular interest are the effects of neighborhood socio-demographics, green spaces, fresh food availability, social services such as post offices and churches, street connectivity and walkability, and public transportation systems. Additional research in urban and rural settings and developing and developed countries will better guide policy efforts and planning for children's health.

This Special Issue is open to submissions that study how environmental exposures affect health from conception through childhood and young adulthood. Especially welcome are studies of the exposure—the combined effects of at least two exposures—and lifecourse epidemiology frameworks.

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