

Special Issue

Health Service Utilization among Vulnerable Populations

Message from the Guest Editor

Access to healthcare is a basic human right, and yet so many people struggle to receive the care they so desperately need. Those in greatest need of healthcare are often those who receive the least, particularly vulnerable populations, including people experiencing homelessness and poverty, and marginalized members of our communities. In this Special Issue, we welcome submissions of papers that use creative and robust approaches that will deepen our understanding of the challenges of accessing and using healthcare by vulnerable populations, and how these can be overcome. We invite papers for consideration from any healthcare setting and any methodology. Examples include studies that explore the association between vulnerability and healthcare utilization; those that examine models of care that optimize access for vulnerable populations, recognizing vulnerability, human rights approaches, co-production, and complex systems approaches; and strength-based approaches. All articles must make a strong contribution to healthcare science and expand our understanding of the relationship between vulnerability and health service utilization.

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