

Special Issue

Oral Health Inequities Across the Lifecourse: Root Causes and Interventions

Message from the Guest Editors

Poor oral health outcomes and inequitable access to affordable dental care unfairly and disproportionately impact historically racially minoritized and socially disadvantaged groups. Root causes of such health inequities extend beyond individual-level factors to include structural determinants, such as racism, that organize the distribution of power and resources differentially across dimensions of individual and group identities. This Special Issue of *IJERPH* invites the submission of papers focused on the structural determinants of oral health inequities across the lifecourse. We are specifically interested in papers that contribute to the evidence base on the psychosocial and environmental mechanisms underlying oral health inequities among socially disadvantaged groups, including minoritized sexual and gender identities, black, indigenous, and people of color. Papers that outline multilevel interventions and structural and/or community-based approaches to addressing oral health inequities will also be considered. Quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods research is welcome.

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