

## Special Issue

# Stigma, Health and Wellbeing

### Message from the Guest Editors

The modern world has made health technologies and medications available that lead to cures for diseases and health enhancement. The life expectancy among populations in different locations of the world has significantly increased; however, psychosocial health remains an important problem in our communities. One of the important issues in psychosocial health is stigma. Stigma may manifest itself in various forms: public stigma, experienced stigma, perceived stigma, and self-stigma. As long as any type of stigma exists, it poses a great threat to the health and well-being of those who are stigmatized. The results will include loss of opportunities in various aspects of life such as the availability of treatment, employment, housing, education. All of these aspects are important components of quality of life. Unfortunately, the link between stigma and health is still not fully understood. Therefore, we need more evidence to help healthcare providers to better understand the issue among populations in different parts of the world.

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