

Special Issue

Substance Use and Sexual Health in Marginalized Populations

Message from the Guest Editors

Historically, substance use and sexual health have been considered as separate domains, both academically and clinically. However, as research and theoretical models such as minority stress and syndemic theories have demonstrated, substance use and sexual health can be inextricably linked and can have significant cumulative effects on health, well-being, and pleasure. This is especially true for vulnerable and marginalized populations, including sexual and gender minority (SGM) individuals and racial and ethnic minority individuals. These communities are often disproportionately affected by higher levels of substance use, community transmission of HIV, sexually transmitted infections, and other sexual health conditions. New approaches which consider the combined effects of substance use and sexual health within marginalized populations are necessary. Papers, including empirical research and reviews, are invited for this Special Issue. Community-based participatory research and studies adopting an intersectional approach to analyses are particularly welcome.

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