

## Special Issue

# The Labor Market for Pharmacists

### Message from the Guest Editor

Pharmaceutical care continues to be a central feature in health care delivery in the US. Pharmacists play an ever-growing role in ensuring access to safe and effective treatments, and management of complex chronic conditions. Shortages and disparities in access to pharmacists and pharmacy services can have substantial impacts on public health. Meanwhile, how the labor market for pharmacists and other health professionals functions fundamentally impacts access to these services. This Special Issue will focus on how the pharmacist labor market has been, and will, function in terms of wages and the numbers and distributions of employed pharmacists and pharmacist extenders, as well as identifying shortages and disparities in access to pharmacy services. It will also include studies on how the labor market for pharmacists relates to, and compares with, the labor markets of other health professions, on trends in pharmacy schools and their impact on the supply of pharmacists, as well as trends in particular services provided by pharmacists, the impact of policy on these services, and the relationship between access to pharmacists and health outcomes.

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