

## Special Issue

# Power Structures and Health Equity: Analyzing Structural Determinants of Healthcare Access and Outcomes

### Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue aims to examine the structural determinants of health inequities through social science and interdisciplinary lenses. Its scope encompasses research investigating how institutional power dynamics, social structures, and systemic factors influence healthcare access, patient-provider relationships, and health outcomes across diverse populations. The purpose of this collection is twofold: first, to advance theoretical frameworks that conceptualize health as fundamentally shaped by social forces beyond individual choice; and second, to identify actionable pathways toward transforming healthcare systems to better serve marginalized communities. The issue will prioritize research utilizing qualitative methodologies and community-engaged approaches that center the voices and lived experiences of those most affected by health disparities. Contributors are encouraged to examine both the mechanisms through which structural inequities manifest in healthcare settings and innovative interventions that successfully address these systemic barriers.

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