

Special Issue

Inequality in Immunization 2024

Message from the Guest Editors

Inequalities persist in the coverage of immunization globally and across the life course. Evidence has revealed gaps or gradients in childhood and adult immunization within and across countries, and with respect to dimensions of inequality such as sex, gender, socio-economic status, place of residence and more. Yet, our understandings of patterns of inequalities in immunization remain incomplete. The year 2024 marks 50 years of the Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI). The EPI has galvanized national and global collaboration and helped set up essential infrastructure and standardized processes to universalize access to immunization. In this Special Issue, we place emphasis on research and review articles that deepen our understanding of immunization inequalities as well as highlight entry points or modalities to reduce them. We encourage submissions that apply rigorous and innovative methodological approaches, including multilevel modeling, compound and/or intersectional vulnerabilities or disadvantages, and geospatial approaches, as well as statistical and computational innovations in understanding and summarizing inequalities in immunization.

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Vaccines (ISSN 2076-393X), founded in 2013, now has a firm history of publishing peer-reviewed, state-of-the-art research papers on vaccines and vaccination in the broadest sense. Areas covered include, but are not limited to, novel and emerging vaccine technologies, building on in-depth knowledge of what constitutes a protective immune response. These can be new vaccines for old diseases, or old vaccines for new diseases. Vaccines against cancer and autoimmune diseases explicitly are also within the scope of the journal. Because public opinion and even government policies towards vaccines and vaccination have changed, vaccine policy and public health issues are major concerns. Climate change will also have an impact on the spread of infectious diseases, and thus also on vaccine and vaccination policies worldwide.

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