

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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