

Special Issue

Strategies to Enhance Vaccine Uptake and Immunization Among Underserved Populations/Vulnerable Groups

Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue focuses on strategies to increase vaccination rates among vulnerable populations. We invite submissions investigating the complex factors contributing to vaccine hesitancy in underserved groups and the effectiveness of targeted intervention strategies. Research that addresses interventions aimed at underserved groups is also highly encouraged. This Special Issue aspires to equip public health professionals, policymakers, and healthcare providers with actionable approaches to enhance vaccine acceptance and immunization rates among populations most impacted by health disparities.

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