



Poverty, Inequality and Public Health in China

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Over the past decade, China has implemented wide-ranging health system reforms and invested heavily in population health. Despite progress in expanding access, there are signs that substantial challenges remain in terms of increasing the quality and equity of health services. There are persisting concerns of low-quality medical care, particularly in rural areas and urban migrant communities. It is also unclear whether current public health services are sufficient to address evolving disease burdens affecting vulnerable populations such as young children and the elderly.

Recent initiatives have begun to address these challenges, yet the high quality empirical research needed to guide policy design and implementation is lacking. In this special issue, we invite researchers in public health, epidemiology, health economics and other social sciences to submit high quality empirical papers related to the issues in this important research area.

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