



## Cardiovascular Diseases and Public Health

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Despite decades of steady declines in coronary heart disease (CHD) and stroke mortality in many western countries, cardiovascular disease (CVD) is the leading cause of death worldwide. With the aging of populations, higher rates of risk factors (e.g., smoking, physical inactivity), emerging epidemics (e.g., obesity, diabetes, heart failure) and increased economic costs associated with CHD survival, the burden of CVD is projected to steadily increase in coming decades, with less affluent individuals and countries being disproportionately impacted.

This special issue focuses on the contribution of socio-environmental characteristics to disparities in CVD within and across populations. Review papers that critically evaluate the current literature and incorporate suggestions for overcoming shortcomings in future research are encouraged, as are original research papers.

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### Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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