



## Advanced Inequalities in Child and Adolescent Health and Well-being

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Inequalities in health and well-being are established early enough in life that they can already be observed among children and adolescents. Young people may be particularly vulnerable to the health-impairing effects of inequity as they are unlikely to possess or control much of the wealth or power held by society. A growing body of research over the last decades shows that children and adolescents who live in disadvantaged circumstances are more prone to illness, distress, disability, risk behaviours and lower well-being than those living in more advantaged circumstances. Evidence from around the world points to an increase in gaps in health status and health care by socioeconomic status, geographical location, gender, race, ethnicity and age group. Inequalities in young people health are likely to persist into adulthood. On the other hand, children and adolescents are among the most important population groups to target for health promotion and protection. The issue of health inequality with the focus on children and adolescents is now firmly set at the centre of the national and global health policy agenda.





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