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Addressing Social Determinants That Influence Children’s Oral Health

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Dear Colleagues,

Tooth decay in children persists as an under-recognized and inadequately addressed contributor to the global burden of disease. Most existing research largely focuses on disease diagnosis, management, and treatment rather than the promotion of health and the prevention of disease. It is necessary to understand and address the structural factors that facilitate health to achieve sustainable improvements in a population’s oral health and to eliminate disparities. To that end, this Special Issue aims to highlight systematic inquiry and expert opinions that address the social determinants of oral health. Special emphasis will be placed on health versus disease and the link between oral health and overall health and shared social determinants, e.g., family- or household-level factors that influence oral health behaviors. Studies presenting theoretical models or frameworks, epidemiological studies, pilot studies involving novel healthcare delivery or financing models, quality improvement projects, community-based programs, commercial interventions, and policy interventions are welcome, as are reviews and editorials.



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