



Incarceration and Health

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Mass incarceration has received attention as an example of racism in criminal justice, but the links between mass incarceration, racism and health have been less defined. Morbidity and mortality among incarcerated people and others with criminal justice involvement often focus on the health demographics of those individuals rather than health risks that prisons, jails and immigration detention centers confer to people held in those settings. In addition, correctional systems are often operated to avoid the systemic analysis of health outcomes, especially those that reflect institutional risk from abuse or neglect. Similarly, the systemic health risks conferred by parole, probation and other forms of community supervision are poorly understood. In order to define the health risks of incarceration, and leverage public health organizations and voices in the effort to address the health consequences of mass incarceration, we are dedicating this special issue of Healthcare to Incarceration, racism and health.





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