



## Health Care Access among Underserved Groups

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Underserved populations face persistent and systemic barriers to accessing health care. These barriers are complex and numerous and include cultural, financial, literacy, linguistic and geographical barriers as well as barriers caused by services and health care providers that are not aimed at the needs of underserved populations. Lack of access to health care contributes to profound and enduring health disparities.

This Special Issue is open to any subject area, disease/health focus and geographical scope as long as they advance our understanding of pathways for improving health care access of underserved populations. Our interests include, but are not limited to, studies on innovative health care solutions for underserved populations; studies that address intersectionality and how belonging to different (sub)groups influences the access to care; studies that address the health care system as a complex system and apply the principles of complexity science to provide new insights as to why health care barriers are still in place; and studies that combine a high academic standard with a practical focus on improving health care access to underserved populations.





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