



## Access to Healthcare for Vulnerable and Minority Populations: A Global Perspective

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### Message from the Guest Editors

With the changing composition of societies, there is growing attention to questions of social diversity and equal access to healthcare for vulnerable and minority populations. Nevertheless, empirical research on the question of access to healthcare still remains insufficient. Belonging to a vulnerable group can constitute a relevant obstacle to access to healthcare. Limitation of access to healthcare for these populations raises medico-ethical considerations and has negative consequences on the health outcomes of individual patients.

This Special Issue aims to bring together research articles concerning the question of equal access to healthcare for various minority populations, including but not limited to ethnic, cultural, or religious minorities, sexual and gender minorities, children, older or disabled persons, prisoners, etc. The Editors invite contributions from across the globe that not only examine structural and individual barriers to access to healthcare for these vulnerable groups but also that provide best-practice examples of facilitating access to healthcare for them.





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