



## Health Disparities in Urban Areas

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### Message from the Guest Editor

There is substantial evidence in the public health literature to demonstrate that place, where one lives, works, plays and prays, impacts health information access and health outcomes. Demographic characteristics of urban centers are changing and these changes can impact the social determinants of health, but in some cases not all population subgroups are impacted equally.

Health disparity research has several phases, each phase asks different types of questions. Phase 1—detection—determine if disparities exist. Phase 2—understanding—determines root causes of health disparities. Phase 3—solutions is focused on developing, testing and implementation of potential solutions to address health disparities. We already have a vast amount of literature on the detection phase and it is necessary to focus our efforts on understanding the root causes and developing sustainable solutions that address modifiable risk factors.





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