



Advancing the Wellbeing of Marginalized Communities: Stigma and Health Service Access and Utilization among People Living with AIDS

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AIDS-related stigma and discrimination continue to be pervasive worldwide, hindering efforts to end the pandemic by 2030. The CDC defines HIV stigma as prejudice fueled by negative attitudes and beliefs about people living with AIDS (PLWA) and is characterized by the devaluation and otherization of stigmatized peoples. Data suggest that HIV stigma and discrimination are widespread in communities, in healthcare settings, and among healthcare providers. This negatively impacts testing, disclosure, treatment, retention in care, and adherence to medication, resulting in depression and social isolation. The stigmatization of PLWA violates their human rights, negatively impacts their health, and impedes global HIV responses. Therefore, addressing stigma and its correlates is timely and fundamental to the creation of an AIDS-free world.

This Special Issue invites multidisciplinary manuscripts based on original research that addresses stigma in relation to health service access and utilization among PLWA. Systematic reviews that provide insight into the subject are welcome.





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