



Racism, Chronic Disease, and Mental Health: Essential Insights and Approaches for Achieving Health and Healthcare Equity

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Message from the Guest Editors

Racism directed toward individuals may be experienced in multifaceted environments, including the workplace, community (criminal justice, social, and educational institutions), and healthcare institutions. Despite the place of the experience, racism may consequentially present itself as underlying diagnosed chronic physical conditions, as well as diagnosed or undiagnosed mental conditions. Structural racism, experienced by select populations, is a root factor underlying a culture of discriminatory practices in housing, education, employment opportunities, environmental hazards, and geographical locations of health-enhancing institutions and services. Consequently, we observe racially disparate outcomes in chronic diseases (e.g., COVID-19) and depression.

We are interested in manuscripts that document the various pathways connecting racism, chronic disease, and mental health, and also propose structural interventions at the institutional or local/state/federal policy levels.

Innovative research strategies that have been unmasked by realities laid bare by COVID-19 are encouraged. Manuscripts that integrate interdisciplinary approaches are also encouraged.

