



## Cancer Health Disparities and Public Health

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Cancer burden varies across various populations, with higher incidence and mortality of specific cancer types in some populations compared to others, resulting from varying degree of interactions between genetic/biologic, behavioral, societal, and environmental risk factors. Structural racism and other structural factors cause residential segregations, educational attainment, employment, and income disparities, and poor built environment that limits access to safe space for physical activities and availability of an access to nutritious foods.

Cultural values may also affect choice of care and treatment. Research is necessary to further understand the underlying causes for cancer disparities and to develop policies, recommendations, and clinical practices to reduce cancer disparities and build equity in cancer prevention, treatment, and care.

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