



Indigenous Health and Wellbeing

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Improving Indigenous health and wellbeing is an important objective for all who aspire to reducing health inequities. Indigenous people around the world share many common difficult and distressing experiences that have adversely affected their lives, including the experience of colonisation, discrimination and socioeconomic disadvantage. These things impact adversely upon both people's physical and mental health. The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (2008) sanctioned cultural integrity and the rights of Indigenous peoples to practice and revitalise cultural traditions and customs. We now understand that health and wellbeing are broad concepts that incorporate not just our physical bodies but also social, emotional, cultural and spiritual aspects of health and wellbeing. So how is the health and wellbeing of Indigenous people faring following the 2008 Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People?





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