



The Social Epidemiology of Sexual Health

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Message from the Guest Editors

In their landmark textbook *Social Epidemiology*, Kawachi and Berkman (2000) defined ‘social epidemiology’ as a sub-set of epidemiology devoted to understanding the social determinants of population health and health equity. A growing body of research finds that social factors can impact a range of health outcomes and health behaviors, including those related to sexual health. Sexual health, as defined by the World Health Organization, is about human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs) but also about emotional and mental well-being. Undoubtedly, these aspects of sexual health are all closely related and they intersect powerfully with the social conditions of our world in ways that researchers are only starting to appreciate. For this Special Issue of the *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, we seek innovative studies on the social epidemiology of sexual health, including how behavioral (e.g., condom use), physical (e.g., HIV/STI rates), and emotional components relate to a range of social dimensions (e.g., discrimination, work context, and neighborhood environments).





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