Call for Special Edition
Racism & Reproductive Health: Paving a Path to Health Equity

*Obstetrics & Gynecology* will dedicate an entire issue to the intersection of racism, reproductive health, and identifying potentially effective ways to improve health equity. This issue will explore the effects of race, racism, and social justice in obstetrics and gynecology across the entire range of article types.

Informal Q&A for Potential Authors and Interested Readers

Videos and slides from the webinar will be available [HERE](#).

Feedback

If you have ideas for content or topics that should be amplified in the issue, please submit them [HERE](#). Anonymous or signed feedback is welcome.

Interested Reviewers

If you are interested in being a peer reviewer for the journal, please complete our form [HERE](#).

Submission Information

We are looking for diverse, innovative, inclusive, transdisciplinary study teams that will take a strength- and solution-based approach to address racism in reproductive health. The Editors will consider all article types currently found in the Instructions for Authors, and poetry, art, and additional novel concepts. Examples of potentially relevant topics include, but are not limited to:

- Evidence-based strategies to mitigate the health effects of racism
- Promising policy and institutional reforms
- Barriers to meaningful change and progress in achieving health equity
- Ways in which inequities in access to care and quality services affect the reproductive health of minoritized people
- Measuring racism
- Quality improvement initiatives that promote health equity
Author Considerations

- Use patient-centered research models
- Avoid genetic explanations for disparities unless the study specifically focuses on genetic testing,
- Contextualize results with conceptual models
- Cite prior work of scientists from historically marginalized groups
- Use people-first, affirming, and gender-inclusive language
- Move from simple problem documentation to potential solutions and actionable steps.
- Contributions are encouraged from authors with the lived experience of racism, junior faculty, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, institutions serving Hispanic people, tribal colleges and universities, and institutions that serve Asian American and Pacific Islander people

Deadline

The window for submissions is January 20, 2023–February 1, 2023. “Special Edition for Racism & Reproductive Health” should be noted in the cover letter. When selecting classifications during the submission process, please include “Special Edition for Racism & Reproductive Health,” in addition to any others that qualify.