Special Topic Issue: Social Determinants of Substance Use, Addictive Behaviors, Relapse and Recovery

The Journal of Addictions Nursing invites submissions of papers for a special topic issue on Social Determinants of Substance Use, Addictive Behaviors, Relapse and Recovery. Several biological, social, environmental, psychological, and genetic factors are associated with substance use (alcohol, tobacco and other drugs). Substance use is also strongly influenced by interpersonal, household, and community dynamics. Social attitudes and political and legal responses to substance use make substance use and related disorders some of the most complex public health issues of our time.

This special issue aims to publish papers addressing a wide range of topics on social determinants of substance use, dependence, relapse and recovery, with special consideration of social and community contexts, socio-economic factors, racial/ethnic disparities, access to care, and societal efforts to minimize the use of substances. Reports of original research, clinical case studies, and literature reviews are encouraged. Potential topics for papers may include, but are not limited to:

- Substance use and consequences, social epidemiology, risk and resiliency factors
- Age, race/ethnicity, income, education, occupation, employment, housing
- Psychological or social factors, normative behaviors and substance initiation, continued use, cessation, abstinence, relapse or sustained recovery
- Gender, sexual identity or sexual behaviors, including issues of concern to the LGBTQIA population
- Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), intimate relationships, parenting, child abuse/neglect
- Intergenerational substance use and impact of substance use disorder across the life span
- Peer groups, social networks, families, communities, the environment
- Cultural factors (family values, religion, immigration status, linguistic acculturation, etc.)
- Global health challenges and country-specific approaches to substance use
- Race, racism and racial/ethnic disparities
- Stigma and cultural competence
- Social justice (disadvantage, inequality, disparities, power dynamics, etc.)
- Legal issues (school to prison pipeline, arrest/sentencing, imprisonment, mass incarceration)
- Crime/violence (gangs, guns, homicide, suicide)
- Access to prevention, treatment, recovery support and other health services
- Policies and practices
- Research and evaluation
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