

# Call for Papers

## Addressing Disparities to Promote Health Equity and Healthcare Quality

The *Journal for Healthcare Quality (JHQ)* is seeking high-quality original research, robust quality improvement, and systematic review manuscripts for the 2022 special issue, which will focus on strategies to reduce health disparities and improve health equity. Manuscripts must be submitted by **December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021**.



Health inequities are pervasive. Disparities in healthcare quality, safety, and outcomes are well documented across numerous and often intersecting domains, including, but not limited to social constructs such as race, ethnicity, and gender identity, as well as poverty and geography. It is imperative that we move beyond simply describing healthcare disparities. Scholarship now needs to focus on identifying solutions from across the healthcare delivery system that address the underlying drivers of health inequity, including social determinants of health (SDoH). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention define SDoH as the 'conditions in the places where people live, learn, work, and play that affect a wide range of health and quality-of-life risks and outcomes' (1). These can include healthcare access and quality of care, education, the social and community context, economic stability, and the neighborhood and built environment.

This special issue is centered on sharing scholarship, research, and empirical evidence focused on attenuating and overcoming the pervasive disparities in quality of care and patient safety, and on achieving health equity. We seek papers that describe original research (e.g. qualitative and mixed-methods studies, controlled trials, hybrid studies, quasi-experimental designs), quality and safety improvement initiatives, effectiveness and implementation science studies, and systematic literature syntheses. Papers can emphasize any part of the care continuum, including but not limited to academic health centers, the Veterans Administration system, integrated health systems, public health clinics, federally qualified community health centers, long-term care settings, and community-based organizations. The focus can be on any population that faces health inequity or disparities including but not limited to LGBTQ/transgender groups, racial or ethnic minorities, rural residents, non-English speakers, or individuals living with disabilities. Papers simply describing health disparities and commentaries are non-responsive to this call for papers.

1. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Social Determinants of Health. Available from <https://www.cdc.gov/socialdeterminants/about.html> Accessed July 9, 2021

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## About the Journal

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The Journal publishes scholarly articles targeted to leaders of all healthcare settings, leveraging applied research and producing practice-focused, timely, and impactful evidence in healthcare system transformation. For more information about the Journal and author guidelines, please visit [www.jhqonline.com](http://www.jhqonline.com)

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