Psychosomatic Medicine Special Issue – Call for Papers

Gerontology, Aging, and Behavioral Medicine

As a field, gerontology seeks to understand shared biological mechanisms that make aging a primary risk factor for common chronic diseases, such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and cancer, as well as chronic conditions like frailty and fatigue. Rate of aging varies considerably across individuals and relates to behavioral and psychosocial factors, and environmental exposures. An understanding of factors that predict the pace of aging will permit the development of preemptive interventions aimed at increasing health span and quality of life and decreasing health care costs.

The overarching goal of this special issue is to advance understanding of biobehavioral or biosocial processes that slow or accelerate aging and impact age-related health and disease outcomes.

Potential topics of the manuscripts submitted to this Special Issue include:

- Behavioral, psychological, or social determinants of aging that underlie age-related biological processes (e.g., inflammation, cellular aging, epigenetic change, mitochondrial dysfunction, homeostatic dysregulation) across the lifespan
- Interventions designed to impact aging processes and thus age-related disease by modifying behavioral, psychological, or social factors
- Physical (e.g., built environment) or climate (e.g., heat waves, air quality, or disasters) environments that underlie age-related biological processes across the lifespan, including roles of behavioral, social, or psychological factors

Deadlines:
July 30      Submit preliminary abstract
August 30    Decisions on abstracts made
December 30  Submit manuscript

If you are interested in submitting a manuscript for consideration as part of this special issue, we encourage you to submit a preliminary abstract at this link. The abstract should be no more than 250 words and should be submitted in outline format, using the bolded headings of Objective, Methods, Results, Conclusions, and, if applicable, Registration. Precise results for main findings should be presented.

Authors of selected abstracts will be invited to submit a manuscript for full consideration as part of the special issue. It is anticipated that revised manuscripts would be due in the first half of 2023.

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