

Call for Papers

Supplement on Data Systems and Social Determinants of Health

Public Health Reports (PHR) is inviting papers for a Supplement on Social Determinants of Health and Data Systems. The Guest Editors for this Supplement are Drs. Kathleen McDavid Harrison and Hazel D. Dean. Dr. Harrison is Associate Director for Health Equity and Dr. Dean is Deputy Director, both with the National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The Editors seek manuscripts that advance the scientific knowledge and public health research, practice, and policy on data systems related to addressing social determinants of health (SDH). Manuscripts may be analytic or descriptive in format and may propose models for new/enhanced data systems, evaluate existing data systems, or use data from current systems to illustrate how gaps can be addressed. Manuscripts may examine policy, program, disease surveillance, or other appropriate data systems and novel ways to use them to monitor indicators of health equity.

Manuscripts addressing the following broad range of topics will be sought:

- Studies focusing on developing and identifying key metrics that might be used to better measure and monitor the impact of SDH;
- Studies that are multidisciplinary; that analyze or compare rather than merely describe; and that are not limited to one measure of social determinants or health outcomes, one age group, or one population subgroup;
- Mathematical models of social determinants of human immunodeficiency virus, viral hepatitis, sexually transmitted diseases, and tuberculosis outcomes;
- Studies that examine or use SDH analytic methods (e.g., individual-level, multilevel, and mixed-level analyses) that take into account the uniqueness of the data being used;
- Evidence of linkage with policy or other constituencies that influence equity outcomes;
- Application of innovative analytic methods for studying and monitoring influences on health equity;
- Analyses to support the design and evaluation of policies, services, and interventions that enhance equity in health;
- Analyses or meta-analyses of available data on legal and health policies; and
- Use of evidence toward enhanced public accountability in and social action for health equity.

Manuscript requirements: Articles in *PHR* are typically 3,000–4,000 words in length. All manuscripts will be reviewed by the *PHR* Special Editorial Committee (SEC) for this Supplement. The SEC determines which manuscripts are sent for external peer review and which manuscripts are published in the Supplement.

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Submit manuscripts to: manuscripts@publichealthreports.org. Please include “Attention Social Determinants of Health and Data Systems” in the subject line of the e-mail. If you have any questions about this Supplement, please contact Dr. Hazel Dean (404-639-8000; HDean@cdc.gov). If you have any questions about *PHR*, please contact the Acting Editor, Laurence Reed, at 513-636-0257; Laurence.Reed@cchmc.org.

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