

Special Issue on Geography of Urban Health Inequities

Call for Papers

Health inequities are health inequalities socially produced, so they are unfair and modifiable. Usually, they are distributed following a geographical pattern. For this reason health differences within cities have been frequently studied through aggregated data, with special attention to the variations of ecological indicators among urban areas.

In the last years, the impact of both personal and contextual factors on individual's health has received increasingly attention. Within cities, this impact is studied through disaggregated data, looking differences on health between citizens that live in different urban areas. We invite authors to submit original research and review articles that focus on the description of the environmental, social, and economic characteristics of urban areas as well as their impact on human health, offering a wide forum for debate on urban health inequities. Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- Spatial analysis of urban health inequities
- Multilevel analysis of urban health inequities
- Mapping of space-time patterns of urban disease
- GIS applied to research on urban health inequities
- Development of social and health indicators for urban areas
- Health impact assessment in urban environments
- The effects of urban area characteristics (segregation, overcrowding, urban sprawl, traffic congestion, housing shortage, environmental pollution, sustainable development, poverty, and unemployment) on citizen's health
- Statistical methods for urban health research
- Epidemiological designs, both individual and ecological, for urban health research

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