



Alcohol Use in Disadvantaged Populations: Health Equalities and Appropriate Intervention

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Health disparities are preventable differences in the burden of disease, injury, violence, or opportunities to achieve optimal health that are experienced by populations that have been disadvantaged by their social or economic status, geographic location, or environment. Many populations experience health disparities, including, but not limited to, people from some racial and ethnic minority groups, people with disabilities, women, people who are LGBTQI+, older people, and children. The alcohol harm paradox is the consistent research finding that disadvantaged populations suffer greater rates of alcohol-related hospitalizations and deaths, even though they often consume less alcohol than the more advantaged.

Health equity is the state in which everyone has a fair and just opportunity to attain their highest level of health. This Special Issue will focus on understanding alcohol use in disadvantaged populations and the role of inequalities in driving alcohol harms. It will also welcome research examining policy, practice, and interventions that might impact disadvantaged populations, reducing harms where they are often most acute.





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