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Message from the Guest Editors

Cancer burden varies across populations, with higher incidence and mortality of specific cancer types in medically underserved populations compared to others, resulting from varying degrees of interactions between genetic/biologic, behavioral, societal, and environmental risk factors. Patients from underserved populations often experience prejudice and/or discrimination in healthcare, or clinicians' bias may negatively affect patient care. Cultural values or personal beliefs may also affect choice of care and treatment. During and after the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, these underlying factors were exacerbated, and racial/ethnic minority and other underserved populations experienced marked challenges undergoing cancer screening, treatment, and care. Research is necessary to further understand the underlying causes, contributing and underlying factors, intersectionality of these, and impacts on cancer screening, treatment, and care in order to develop education, outreach, policies, recommendations, and clinical practices to reduce cancer disparities and build equity in cancer prevention, treatment, and care.





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