



Disparity of Non-communicable Diseases among Pacific Islanders

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Message from the Guest Editor

Non-communicable diseases (NCDs), also known as chronic diseases, include cancer, cardiovascular diseases such as heart attacks and stroke, respiratory diseases such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and asthma, and diabetes. Pacific Islanders experience some of the highest mortality rates resulting from NCDs worldwide. The reason for the disparity of NCDs among Pacific Islanders is likely a combination of metabolic risk factors, such as obesity, high blood pressure, hyperglycemia, and hyperlipidemia, and modifiable behavioral risk factors such as tobacco use, physical inactivity, alcohol consumption, and unhealthy dietary choices. Poverty, food insecurity, inadequate health insurance coverage, and a lack of education also negatively impact NCD. This Special Issue is aimed at providing selected contributions on the current state of disparity of NCDs among Pacific Islanders. Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- Pacific Islander populations
- The impact of food insecurity on NCDs;
- The prevention and control of NCDs;
- Cancer prevention;
- Metabolic risk factors among children/adults;
- Predictors of obesity;
- Tobacco and areca nut use





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