



Social, Economic, and Environmental Determinants of Chronic Diseases

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) kill approximately 41 million people each year, or the equivalent of 71% of all deaths globally. Most NCD deaths are due to cardiovascular diseases (17.9 million people annually), followed by cancers (9.0 million), respiratory diseases (3.9 million), and diabetes (1.6 million) (WHO, 2018). Unhealthy diets, smoking, physical inactivity, and obesity are some of the primary established risk factors for developing and dying from chronic diseases.

We welcome any original theoretical or empirical work that could lend key insights into the impacts of social determinants on incidence and mortality from major chronic diseases (including but not limited to the diseases mentioned above) and their risk factors. Regarding social determinants, we are especially interested in upstream social, economic, and environmental factors that could help to inform policymakers and public health practitioners in their ongoing efforts to reduce the burden of chronic diseases locally, nationally, and globally.

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