



Determinants of Social Inequalities in Health: New Perspectives for Policies Intervention

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The detrimental effect of poor social conditions on health operates through various mediating pathways, including unfavourable working conditions and economic hardship, decreased psychosocial resources, unhealthy lifestyle, environmental exposures, and access to care. It has been conceptualized under the notions of biological embedding or social-to-biological transitions that adverse social exposures may ultimately affect various biological processes related to health and survival, such as systemic inflammation, allostatic load, immune response, and epigenetic modifications. Additionally, recent evidence indicates that the unfavourable effects of low social conditions may be gender dependent. To improve current knowledge on the determinants of social inequalities in health and understanding causality is crucial to develop public health policies, aiming to reduce social gradient in health and longevity. Researchers are strongly encouraged to submit research papers that can improve current knowledge in the field.





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