CALL FOR MANUSCRIPTS FOR A SPECIAL ISSUE OF ETHNICITY & DISEASE

Social Determinants of Health and Implementation Research:
Three Decades of Progress and a Need for Convergence

Associate Editor George A. Mensah, MD, director of the Center for Translation Research and Implementation Science at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health (NIH) and William T. Riley, PhD, director of the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research, NIH, invite manuscript submissions for a special issue of Ethnicity & Disease to be published in November 2020.

Introduction
In 2020, Ethnicity & Disease, an international peer-reviewed journal focusing on the ethnic patterns of disease and health, will celebrate its 30th year of continuous publication. Since its beginning, the journal has advanced medical and social science literature related to social determinants of health, the causal patterns of disease, and approaches to prevention and treatment of chronic diseases – particularly as related to minority ethnic populations. Throughout 2020, Ethnicity & Disease will dedicate its four quarterly issues to topics important to today’s landscape in health disparities and implementation research to address health disparities.

Volume 30, 4 will focus on the theme: Social Determinants of Health and Implementation Research: Three Decades of Progress and a Need for Convergence, and seeks articles that demonstrate progress in health care approaches, policies, cardiovascular and other chronic diseases and risk factors, and the translation of scientific discoveries from bench to bedside to communities and beyond, as evidenced by ongoing research or analyses of challenges, opportunities, and improvements achieved between 1990 and 2020.

Themes Considered
We are particularly interested in original research papers that have the potential to advance our understanding of social determinants of health and how they should inform clinical and public health practice and policy development to advance health equity. We are also interested in rigorous systematic evidence reviews as well as dissemination and implementation research studies that can help accelerate the sustained adoption of evidence-based practices. Manuscripts that reflect on the 30 years of progress made and the need for a convergence of social determinants research and implementation research are also welcome.

Papers in any of the following areas will be considered:
- Behavioral and social science research
- Social and environmental determinants of health
- Dissemination and implementation research/Health services research
- Health outcomes/costs and other economic analyses/policy analyses
- Translational research
- [User-defined category] related to ethnicity and disease

Original research papers must be empirical research and will be classified as Original Reports under the journal submission categories; manuscripts in this category include up to 3500 words, 35 references and no more than 4 images (figures, tables or combination of both). Commentaries, systematic reviews, and perspective articles will be considered as outlined in the journal's instructions to authors.
Editorial and Peer Review Process
Authors are invited to submit abstracts of their work related to the topic areas described above. The guest editors will review all abstracts to assess for topic appropriateness and scientific rigor. Authors of high-scoring abstracts will be invited to submit a complete manuscript that will enter anonymous peer review conducted by the guest editors and its peer review panel. To contribute to one of these categories, please submit a structured abstract of up to 400 words by Monday, Feb 10, 2020. Abstracts and a title page should be submitted directly by email to both Guest Editors Dr. Mensah (george.mensah@nih.gov) and Dr. Riley (william.riley@nih.gov). Authors of selected abstracts will be notified by Monday, February 17, 2020 and asked to submit their final manuscript by Monday, April 20, 2020. The special issue will be published in November 2020.

Projected Publication Timeline

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Publishing with Ethnicity & Disease
There is no fee to submit abstracts to the guest editors. Authors invited to submit a manuscript for this issue will upload all materials to the journal’s online portal and will be required to submit a $25 submittal fee. If the manuscript is accepted through peer review, authors are required to submit a $250 publication fee. Complete author guidelines can be found here.

About the Guest Editors

Dr. Mensah is a clinical cardiologist by training. His research interests include hypertension and related target organ damage such as cardiac hypertrophy, ischemic heart disease, and heart failure. Most recently, he has focused on advancing late-stage translational research and implementation science to address gaps in the prevention and treatment of heart, lung, blood, and sleep disorders and the elimination of health disparities.

Dr. Riley is a clinical psychologist by training. His research interests include behavioral assessment, psychosocial health risk factors, tobacco use/cessation, and the application of technology to preventive health behaviors and chronic disease management. His research has included the use of mobile phones and other mobile computer devices to assess and intervene on tobacco use, dietary intake, physical activity, sleep, and medication adherence.

About Ethnicity & Disease
Ethnicity & Disease is an international journal that exclusively publishes information on the causal and associative relationships in the etiology of common illnesses through the study of ethnic patterns of disease. Topics focus on: ethnic differentials in disease rates; impact of migration on health status; social determinants and ethnic factors related to health care access and health; and epidemiology. Visit Ethnicity & Disease online to learn more.

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