ABOUT THIS ISSUE

Advancing Health Equity and Reducing Disparities with Collaborative Policy Research
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Founded under the visionary leadership of David Satcher, MD, PhD, the Transdisciplinary Collaborative Center for Health Disparities Research (TCC) is an Institution-wide, equity-focused health policy research center, established in 2012 at Morehouse School of Medicine. The TCC, founded on the principle that collaboration is the most effective method of effecting change, is supported by the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities. The center supports collaborative research partnerships between academic and community-based researchers, clinicians, practitioners, community-based organizations, and policy-stakeholders to: 1) critically examine health policy issues through a “health equity lens”; and 2) disseminate empirical knowledge that may be utilized to inform policy directions.

We have partnered with Ethnicity & Disease to disseminate exemplars of high-impact health policy research knowing that the journal shares our core values by publishing this special issue, “Advancing Equity and Reducing Disparities with Collaborative Policy Research.”

The purpose of this special issue is to publish original health policy research supported by our TCC research collaborators, Pilot Project Program grantees, and other policy stakeholders engaged in collaborative health policy-oriented research efforts. In this issue, you will find articles related to process and concept, empirical research, analytic essays, and policy analyses. We anticipate this special issue will resonate with diverse stakeholders in academic medicine, health services, community and population health, and health policy.

The issue also features several articles that help to enhance understanding about selected health issues that have deleterious effects on underserved/at-risk/vulnerable communities that contribute to disparities. We offer strategies for disentangling the complexities of health policy, public health, medicine, and community-engaged health care. We invite you to support us on an intellectual journey of scientific discovery.

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