

Call for Manuscripts:

State of the Science in Health Equity Research

Medical Care invites original research papers on the science of documenting, understanding, and intervening on health care disparities among vulnerable populations served by the VA Healthcare System or highly relevant to Veteran health and health care.

Medical Care, in collaboration with two national VA HSR&D Centers for Innovation focused on health equity – the Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion (CHERP) and the Health Equity and Rural Outreach Innovation Center (HEROIC), intends to publish a supplemental issue on “The State of Science” in VA Health Equity. Original research papers on the science of documenting, understanding, and intervening in health care disparities among vulnerable populations served by the VA Healthcare System or highly relevant to Veteran health and health care are invited.

Vulnerable populations are those who have systematically experienced greater obstacles to health or health care based on race/ethnicity, religion, socioeconomic status, gender, age, mental health, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity, geographic location, or other characteristics linked to discrimination or exclusion. Special consideration will be given to innovative interventions and implementation research that engages Veterans and/or operational stakeholders as partners in reducing disparities in health or health care and to papers that provide a strong foundation for future evidence-based implementation research. All manuscripts will undergo standard peer review by the *Medical Care* editors and peer referees as defined by the *Medical Care* policy. Accepted manuscripts will be evaluated for inclusion into the supplement. Those that are not selected for the supplement will be considered for publication in the standard journal issue.

Potential authors should go to [Instructions for Authors](#) on the *Medical Care* website. Word limit for original manuscripts is 3,500 and 2,000 for brief reports. To be considered, **manuscripts must be submitted by November 1, 2016**, using [the online submission system](#). For more information, please contact the co-guest editors at Carson.Clark@va.gov.

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