

Social Determinants of Health: Impact on Mental Health Outcomes

Social determinants of health (SDH) are factors outside the control of the individual that influence their psychological well-being and contribute to health inequities. These factors include environmental conditions associated with where people live, work or play; socio-economic status; education level attained and health literacy; race, gender, access to services and presence or absence of policies promoting equity within particular communities and cultures (CSDH, 2008; Marmot, 2005; WHO, 2016). Mental and behavioral disorders are significantly impacted by SDH factors (WHO, 2014).

A special issue of Archives of Psychiatric Nursing will be devoted to examining SDH factors that impact mental health / well-being of individuals. Manuscripts are being sought that:

- 1) Present data derived from quantitative, qualitative or mixed methods studies
- 2) Examine individuals across the lifespan (children, adolescents, adults or older adults)
- 3) Illustrate a clear connection between SDH and mental, psychological or behavioral affects
- 4) Focuses on interventions, methods (research or education), theories, evidence based practice and/or policy addressing SDH and mental health/mental health care.
- 5) Adhere to sound scientific research methodology
- 6) Include recommendations for advancing effective nursing practice, education or research with individuals impacted by SDH

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