**Call for Abstracts**

**TechQuity Volume: Call for Abstracts**

IBM, Brigham and Women’s Hospital (BWH), and Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC) invite you to submit abstracts for papers to be included in a supplemental issue of the ***Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved (JHCPU)*.** This issue will focus on what has been termed “TechQuity”, or the consideration, design, development, and implementation of technology solutions that promote, assure and potentially enhance health equity.

**The deadline** **for submission of abstracts is** **midnight Pacific time on August 20, 2020**.

All abstracts should be submitted through REDCap using this link: <https://redcap.vanderbilt.edu/surveys/?s=ED79938LRH>

**The purpose** of the supplemental issue is to describe how technology can transform health, public health, and healthcare to promote health equity (aka, “TechQuity”).

**Process**: Submitted abstracts will be scored by the sponsoring organizations. Of those received, no more than 50 will result in an invitation to submit completed papers to the Journal. **Invited papers need to be submitted no later than October 15, 2020 for consideration**. We anticipate accepting approximately 20 of the submitted papers to be published.

**Criteria**: Abstracts will be scored on the following criteria:

* Relevance for underserved populations
* Relevance to the topics suggested by the overview below
* Quality of research
* Implications for techquity research or its application
* New insights for techquity research or its application
* Clarity and completeness of abstract
* Evidence that the authors are knowledgeable about existing scholarship on the topic they address

**Overview of Issue**:

The topics we hope to see addressed in submitted abstracts include the following:

* The design and use of technology to promote and assure health equity (aka, “TechQuity”).
* People of technology, health, public health, and healthcare (e.g., Workforce Diversity)
* Data (e.g., data collection, data integration, data diversity)
* Design and/or usability considerations for non-majority populations
* Analytics (i.e., equity dashboards, racism/discrimination measures, etc.)
* Artificial intelligence (e.g., transparent, ethical, and equitable AI; reducing bias/racism through humans + AI solutions)
* System issues (e.g., structural racism, stress/psychosocial factors, and their impact on health, public health, and healthcare delivery and workforce)
* We invite authors with relevant work to submit abstracts. Achieving health equity through technology requires the use of interdisciplinary methods, stakeholders, data, and policies.

**Editorial requirements**:

**Abstracts** must be in English, no more than 250 words long, and sufficiently detailed for the scorers to evaluate the proposed paper in a fully informed way.

The authors should include, in addition to the abstract, a list of no fewer than **five key words** **or phrases** important for the proposed paper. For more information on the types of papers JHCPU accepts, please click the link below to view the author guidelines.

<https://www.press.jhu.edu/journals/journal-health-care-poor-and-underserved/author-guidelines>

The authors must also include a **cover letter**, in which they supply the names, degrees, and affiliations of the authors, as well as any information they think it is important for the Guest Editors to know.

**For paper types, please consult the Journal’s Information for Authors**: <https://www.press.jhu.edu/journals/journal-health-care-poor-and-underserved/author-guidelines>

**Population Parameters**

To develop a topic, choosing among (or combining several of) the following population parameters may prove helpful. While the supplement will be organized in terms of race/ethnicity, we also welcome work that — while including information about race/ethnicity — also bear on other characteristics of underserved populations, including sexual orientation [LGBTQIA], mental health and cognitive development, disability, and others. Work framing identities in terms of intersectionality are welcome, but this approach is not required.

Race/ethnicity

African American (or Black)

Latino (or Hispanic) broken down by subgroups

Non-Hispanic White (or White)

American Indian/Alaska Native, broken down by subgroups

Pacific Islander, broken down by subgroups

Asian Americans, broken down by subgroups

Multi-ethnic perspectives

Age groups

Children (pre-school, school age, or combined)

Adolescents

Adults

Reproductive-aged women (including pregnancy, post-partum, gestational influences, and infancy)

Elderly

Other demographic characteristics

Geographic regions

Urban areas

Rural areas

Groups with low socioeconomic status