

Call for Papers

Disability and Health Journal

Special Supplement Issue: Disability and Substance Use Disorders

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Strikingly little is known about substance use disorders (SUD) among people with disabilities, even though people with disabilities are at increased risk for substance misuse and addiction. A better understanding of the complex relationship between disability and SUD is needed to inform the development of culturally relevant, accessible, and inclusive intervention efforts aimed at eliminating disparities in SUD prevalence among people with disabilities. Further, it is essential to assess and improve access, quality and outcomes of SUD treatment and other recovery support services for people with disabilities. To address these gaps in research, the [Disability and Health Journal](#) is planning an online-only special supplement issue dedicated to the intersection of disability and substance use disorders including opioids, alcohol, and other drugs.

We invite submission of original research papers for the special issue titled **Disability and Substance Use Disorders**. We seek papers that focus on both disability and SUD, that ideally move beyond documenting disability-related disparities in SUD. We encourage a focus on all types of disabilities. Papers using qualitative and quantitative methods are welcome, as well as rigorous systematic reviews. We also welcome a focus on populations outside of the United States.

Topics **with a disability focus** for this issue include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Opioid misuse, addiction and treatments, including medications
- SUD treatment approaches and modifications
- Recovery support services, including mutual help and peer support
- Facilitators of and barriers to treatment and recovery support services
- Access, quality and outcomes of SUD services
- Recovery from addiction
- Interventions to ameliorate stigma and disparities in SUD treatment
- Impact on racial and ethnic minority populations, LGBTQIA, and other specific populations
- Role of social determinants of health on disparities in SUD and SUD services
- Impact of COVID-19
- Policy impacts

For approval prior to submission for peer review through DHJO, please send manuscripts to mbrown14@brandeis.edu. Manuscripts will have preliminary review for appropriateness by guest editors and then, if accepted for consideration for the supplement, will need to be submitted through DHJO's online portal for peer review; please note that there is no guarantee of acceptance at either stage. For information regarding article preparation, please reference [DHJO's Guide for Authors](#).

Submission deadline: March 1, 2021

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