

Call for Manuscripts

Special Theme Issue in the Journal of General Internal Medicine (JGIM)

Equity in a Time of Headwinds: Accelerating Scholarship, Leadership, and Advocacy in Health Equity

Introduction

The Society of General Internal Medicine's (SGIM) Health Equity Commission (HEC), in partnership with the Journal of General Internal Medicine (JGIM), invites SGIM members to submit manuscripts for a Special Theme Issue focused on sustaining and advancing health equity scholarship during a period of significant social, policy, and institutional headwinds.

Across health care, medical education, and research environments, efforts to advance health equity are encountering new challenges. At the same time, clinicians, educators, researchers and health system leaders continue to develop innovative strategies to improve care for historically underserved populations. This special issue seeks to highlight rigorous scholarship, practical, solutions-oriented innovations, and leadership approaches that advance equitable health care delivery and outcomes.

Scope and Topics

We welcome empirical, conceptual, and practice-based submissions across health policy, medical education, health systems leadership, health equity research, quality improvement, implementation science, population health and patient safety. Submissions should align with the theme and may include original research, concise research reports, perspectives, viewpoints, reviews (systematic, scoping, narrative, or integrative), innovations or methods papers, or Healing Arts.

In addition to traditional health equity research, we particularly encourage submissions that highlight implementation, dissemination, and innovation within health equity efforts. Papers that describe practical strategies, program implementation, systems change, or solutions-oriented approaches to advancing health equity are especially welcome. We are particularly interested in scholarship that demonstrates how clinicians, educators, researchers, and institutions are developing, implementing, adapting, and scaling interventions to advance equitable care despite contemporary headwinds.

Eligibility

At least one author must be a current SGIM member. Fellows, residents, students, and early-career faculty are strongly encouraged to submit with appropriate mentorship. Collaborators may include clinicians, researchers, educators, policymakers, patients, and community partners.

What to Submit

All article types as outlined in JGIM Instructions for authors [here](#). Final manuscripts must meet full JGIM author guidelines and will undergo standard peer review.

Review and Selection

Manuscripts will be reviewed by the Guest Editors based on rigor, relevance, impact, feasibility, and balance across themes and article types.

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Timeline and Submission

We will be accepting submissions July 1, 2026 until October 1, 2026. Please submit completed manuscripts via our website <https://link.springer.com/journal/11606/submission-guidelines> and select the Health Equity Special Themed Issue when submitting. The issue is slated to be published by June 2027.

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