CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: HEALTH DISPARITY AND HEALTH EQUITY IN FORENSIC NURSING

Greetings from the Journal of Forensic Nursing!

We are writing to let you know about an exciting opportunity for publications focused on health disparity and health equity in the context of forensic nursing. We are taking a broad approach to forensic nursing—meaning that papers on any aspect of the intersections of health and the legal system will be considered. This includes areas such as sexual assault, care of people who are incarcerated, forensic psychiatric nursing, intimate partner violence, interpersonal violence, human trafficking, death investigation, and other areas that transcend health and legal systems.

The objectives of the special issue are that our readers will:

1. Be made aware of how health equity and health disparity can affect the science and practice of forensic nursing.
2. Understand the opportunities and challenges involved in creating equity and reducing disparities for forensic nurses and our patient populations.
3. Learn about strategies for and scientific approaches to increasing health equity in forensic nursing.

To gauge interest and identify a variety of topics, we request that interested authors send a preliminary abstract of the proposed paper. **PRELIMINARY ABSTRACTS ARE DUE MARCH 6, 2022.** Invitations to submit full papers will be sent by March 31, 2022, with manuscripts due by July 1, 2022.

Possible topics for submissions include—but are not limited to:
- Forensic nursing care of vulnerable populations (LGBTQIA+, racial minorities, immigrant, disabled, mental health affected, others)
- Interventions targeting disparities in access to forensic nursing services
- Research on how forensic nursing contributes to the reduction of disparities for survivors of violence and abuse
- Program evaluation projects focusing on health equity
- Disparities in access to forensic nursing services related to mental health or other conditions
- Challenges to reducing health disparities among forensic nursing care populations
• Strategies to support health equity among forensic nurses and other providers who may experience trauma in their practice
• Case reports or case series focusing on specific issues of health equity or health disparity with forensic nursing clients or patients
• Effects of COVID-19 on health equity/disparities among populations vulnerable to violence and/or abuse
• Influences of health disparities on decisions about seeking forensic nursing care
• Role of health disparities in the care of incarcerated individuals
• Financial, billing, funding, or other resource issues that affect access to forensic nursing services

Abstracts should be submitted to Candace Burton, issue guest editor (cwburton@hs.uci.edu) and CC’d to journal Editor-in-Chief Cindy Peternelj-Taylor (cindy.peternelj-taylor@usask.ca). Please use “JFN Health Equity issue abstract” as the subject line!

Abstracts must be ≤500 words, and include:
Aims
Methods
Results
Conclusions
Potential impact of this work on health disparity/health equity and forensic nursing

This is an excellent opportunity to highlight issues that are often overlooked or underrepresented in the forensic nursing literature. If you have questions about the suitability of your topic, please contact issue guest editor Candace Burton and for questions about the journal or the publication process, contact journal Editor-in-Chief Cindy Peternelj-Taylor at the addresses noted above. We look forward to hearing from you!

Authors of accepted abstracts will be invited to join the JFN reviewer database for future review requests.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why should I publish in JFN?
The Journal of Forensic Nursing is a groundbreaking publication that addresses health care issues that transcend health and legal systems by articulating nursing’s response to violence. It is indexed in a wide variety of scientific databases, include CINAHL, ProQuest, and PubMed. The Journal offers Continuing Education activities via NursingCenter.com and has an impact factor of 1.175, and a five-year impact factor of 1.414.

What kinds of support can the journal offer to first time authors?
Inquiries about the appropriateness of topics and requests for author mentoring should be directed to the Journal Editor. Editorial board members and members of the journal’s review panel may be
available to provide guidance at their own discretion, and requests for such support can be relayed by the Editor.

What kinds of papers are accepted?
High quality, English-language manuscripts on empirical research, literature synthesis, case studies/case series and other types of papers focused on issues of interest to forensic nurses and their colleagues are considered for publication.

How often does the journal publish?
The Journal of Forensic Nursing is published quarterly, however accepted papers will be published online prior to print. Such papers receive a DOI number and are immediately citable as published or in press. Typical turnaround times from submission to author notification of decision are 6-8 weeks.