

## **Health Disparities and Equity Promotion Study Section (HDEP)**

The Health Disparities and Equity Promotion (HDEP) Study Section reviews those applications where the primary aim is to address, reduce or eliminate health disparities and improve equity related to health risks, access to care, treatment, or health and health related outcomes. This study section reviews applications related to systematic influences/factors contributing to health disparities as well as those with a specific focus on health equity improvement in a particular sub-population or sub-populations of interest. The study section does not review basic science applications.

- Studies where the primary aim is to address, reduce or eliminate health disparities and improve equitable conditions related to health risks and issues related to access to care and treatment faced by minorities and/or ethnic groups, LBGT, poor, homeless, rural, urban, low literacy, or immigrant populations.
- Research with a focus on individual or microsystem level factors, including studies on potential mechanisms underlying health disparities and specific needs of disparity groups related to these mechanisms.
- Studies related to the role of stigma in its relationship to health disparities or inequities in terms of health risks, access to care, treatment offered, and ways to promote equity and reduce or eliminate related health disparities/inequities.

Study sections with most closely related areas of similar science listed in rank order are:

Community Influences on Health Behavior [CIHB]  
Community Level Health Promotion [CLHP]  
Health Services Organization and Delivery [HSOD]  
Clinical and Research Bioethics [CRE]

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