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World Health Organization



Out-of-pocket payments for health care in Romania undermine progress towards universal health coverage

Many people living in prisons are strongly willing to be screened for cancer and to learn more about protecting their health in general. Some of them hadn't even had access to health services before they got to detention. So, prisons can provide a unique opportunity to bring health to the vulnerable.

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WHO report shows poorer health outcomes for many vulnerable refugees and migrants

Worldwide, more people are on the move now than ever before, yet many refugees and migrants face poorer health outcomes than the host populations. Addressing their health needs is, therefore, a global health priority and integral to the principle of the right to health for all. The key is to strengthen and maintain health systems by ensuring that they are refugee- and migrant-sensitive and inclusive.



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Protecting prisoners from cancer: new WHO report explains how to fight health inequities

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WHO launches a new initiative to place well-being at the heart of economic recovery

The well-being economy approach to health and welfare systems can counter the growing and devastating inequalities in the Pan European Region and in the world. It can help to address both current challenges and future shocks.

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Health equity, a key priority of regional development strategies

A series of interviews conducted with the Regions for Health Network (RHN) focal points indicate that achieving health equity is key to improving health and essential to sustainable development.

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WHO encourages stakeholders to embed health equity in COVID-19 recovery plans

The pandemic has laid bare the social fractures in our societies and it is no longer possible to ignore the fact that many people are struggling to live a decent and dignified life and are unable to meet essential needs for safe and secure shelter, food, fuel and income.

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National Institutions



Health inequalities in COVID-19 deaths and hospital admissions in Wales

Welsh Government

This report looks at inequalities in COVID-19 deaths and hospitalisations over time and how they have changed since the vaccination programme - March 2020 to July 2022

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Policy Paper: Women's Health Strategy for England

UK Government

Although women in the UK on average live longer than men, women spend a significantly greater proportion of their lives in ill health and disability when compared with men. Not enough focus is placed on women-specific issues like miscarriage or menopause, and women are under-represented when it comes to important clinical trials.

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Ministers Donnelly and Butler announce additional €1.9m in funding for women's mental health services through the Women's Health Fund

Government of Ireland

The Irish Government plans to expand its mental health funding with an additional 1.9 million which will focus on mental health support for women and girls in Ireland. Additionally, it will also include mental health support in the context of perinatal care, addiction, eating disorders and will also target marginalised groups

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Research Developments



Diversity and dementia: How is research reducing health disparities?

UK Dementia Research Institute

A research report from the UK that shows that factors such as age, gender and ethnicity have an effect on the prevalence of dementia. Results show that more women die of dementia than men and dementia is more prevalent in Black and South Asian ethnic groups than white populations

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Approaching Mental Health Equity in Neuroscience for Black Women Across the Lifespan

Elsevier

This article's overall aim is to highlight the most urgent areas to address in mental health inequities utilizing a Black feminist lens

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Evaluating health inequality in national surveys

Applied Health Economics and Health Policy

EQ-5D-5L is a standardized health outcomes instrument that can be added to national surveys to measure inequality in health outcomes. The aim of this study was to produce baseline values of health inequality using EQ-5D-5L for five countries in the Caribbean Basin region based on national surveys in 2012–2014.

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Inequalities in the health, nutrition, and wellbeing of Afrodescendant women and children: A cross-sectional analysis of ten Latin American and Caribbean countries

The Lancet

Gaps in health outcomes between Afrodescendants and non-Afrodescendants were observed in most countries, with more frequent disadvantages for the former although, in many cases, the gaps were reversed. Wealth inequalities within Afrodescendants tended to be wider than for non-Afrodescendants.

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Assessing Meaningful Community Engagement: A Conceptual Model to Advance Health Equity through Transformed Systems for Health

National Academy of Medicine

Over the last several years, health and health care entities are recognizing the need to engage the communities they serve. Yet, many entities only conduct superficial engagement—the community is denied access to the decision-making process, and interactions tend toward tokenism and marginalization, or the community is simply informed of plans or consulted to provide limited perspectives on select activities.

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In the Media

Lower taxes or greater health equity

The Lancet

Michael Marmot gives an overview of the continuous debate to lower taxes in the UK and the adverse effect this may have on health equity. A lower tax rate could lead to increased health inequalities, which begs the question whether this is the right discussion to have



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The Guardian

New women's health strategy for England aims to end decades of inequality

The Guardian

The publication of this strategy is a landmark moment in addressing entrenched inequalities and improving the health and wellbeing of women across the country.

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Facing the uncomfortable possibility that healthcare is discriminatory

The Guardian

Those who have spent a lifetime studying health inequalities were not surprised. People from black, Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds do worse across a wide range of health outcomes.

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Podcast: How prosperity can bridge health equity gaps

American Heart Association

When Denise Bradley-Tyson's husband passed away, she took on his work to bridge health equity gaps, working with the American Heart Association.

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Podcast: the Oxford Comment on Equity In Health Care

Oxford University Press

This episode features two medical experts who have each dedicated their careers to addressing inequity in public health. (see notes for the various podcast platforms)

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Podcast: How the public thinks about health, and why it matters

The Health Foundation

Ask the public about health, and they often put the responsibility on the individual and the NHS. And yet we know the context in which we live and make choices really matters. The context that governments, businesses, employers and investors have a big hand in shaping.

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Healthcare access in “zero waste” Milan: five minutes with . . . Gianluca Lista

BMJ

A paediatrician involved in a clinic at a pioneering community food bank discusses Milan’s radical project to reach the most vulnerable people, including refugees from Ukraine

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Slovakia Slammed for ‘Medieval’ Living Conditions of Its Roma

Bloomberg

Members of the European Parliament slammed Slovakia for the poor living conditions of its Roma minority, saying years of development funding hadn’t done enough to improve their wellbeing

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Other News

Race for monkeypox vaccines exposes global health inequality

Thomas Reuters Foundation

Concern is growing that the scramble for scarce supplies of monkeypox vaccines could see some nations and high-risk groups miss out - recalling unequal global access to COVID-19 vaccines and HIV medication.

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Improving healthcare for people with migration backgrounds

EuroHealthNet

In Europe, people with various migration backgrounds do not always receive the care they need. This is caused by, amongst others, discrimination, misunderstanding or a lack of interest by health professionals in their patients’ backgrounds.

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Mission 1000: Midwives help with antenatal care and care of babies in Slovakia

European Public Health Alliance

A guest article by our Roma Health Network partner called the Association for Culture, Education and Communication (ACEC), who have been running a project with Roma midwives in Spišská Nová Ves in Slovakia.

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Slovak NGO will appeal after court rules it is not discriminatory for hospitals to segregate Romani women away from non-Romani women

Romea.cz

The Slovak Counseling Center for Civil and Human Rights NGO will appeal a court-decision which allows for a hospital in Prešov to separate Romani women into so-called 'Romani Rooms'.

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Mercer team holds pop-up health clinics for stigmatized Roma people in Greece

Mercer University Press

"As an EU (European Union) country, all citizens in Greece are supposed to have access to the national health care system," said Dr. Paul Lewis, professor of religion in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. "But the Roma people don't always access it for a variety of reasons.

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Upcoming Events



Health Inequality Monitoring Foundations eLearning course series

World Health Organization

14 September, 13:00-14:00 CET

Launch of a new WHO eLearning course series, 'Health Inequality Monitoring Foundations' addresses the need for capacity strengthening in health inequality monitoring.

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Webinar: How to talk about the building blocks of health

The Health Foundation

15 September 2022, 10.00–11.15

If we want to change how the public understands health inequalities and to change policy, we need to change how we communicate about the wider determinants of health that can make us healthy or unhealthy.

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Sustainability, Health Equity, and Antiracism in the 21st Century

Boston University Center for Antiracist Research

30 September 14:00-17:00 PM ET

This symposium explores how climate change, racism, and health are inextricably linked and future directions for sustainability and justice.

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SIREN 2022 National Research Meeting: Racial Health Equity in Social Care

SIREN - University of San Francisco California

12 October from 9:00-12:00 PT

A free, virtual National Research Meeting applying a racial equity lens to social care research.

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Annual UCSF Health Equity and Anti-Racism Research Symposium

Office of Diversity and Outreach

13 and 14 October, 9:00-12:00 PT

HEAR (as did HDRS) showcases research on health disparities conducted by faculty and trainees at UCSF and other Bay Area healthcare and research institutions. The goal of the symposium is to build community among disparities researchers across disciplines and across units, schools and campus sites.

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