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### **International & European Institutions**



#### The inequality epidemic: lowincome teens face higher risks of obesity, inactivity and poor diet

#### World Health Oganization

New data from 44 countries reveals large disparities in obesity risks faced by teens. Teens from lower-income families face higher risks related to obesity, incactivty and diet. This shows that action on food marketing, healthy eating, physical activity should also be complemented by targeted interventions and socioeconomic considerations.

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# Report on the third global consultation on the health of refugees and migrants

#### World Health Oganization

WHO, in cooperation with the International Organization for Migration, as well as UNHCR and the Kingdom Of Morocco, has released a new report going in-depth on challenges and recommendations to ensure the Right to Health and Universal Health Coverage for Refugees and Migrants.

#### EU and WHO collaborate to protect vulnerable populations from vaccine-preventable diseases by ensuring immunization equity

#### World Health Oganization

As part of the European Immunisation Agenda 2030, WHO and the EU are jointly launching a project to work towards immunisation equity. With a 3 million Euro budget, it will focus on improving vaccination access for vulnerable populations, with a particular focus on Roma communities, while also working on the collection of vaccination data.

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### **Research Developments**



## Addressing migration and health inequity in Europe

#### The Lancet

One of the most overlooked groups in health equity are migrants. Their health and wellbeing is the focus of a new Lancet Series. It goes in-depth on some of the main issues that exist, and how these should be addressed. This includes topics like Universal Health Coverage, xenophobia, accessibility and participatory health research.

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## Neglecting sex and gender in research is a public-health risk

#### Nature

The persistent gap in considering sex and gender differences in clinical research remains a significant challenge, affecting the accuracy of diagnoses and the efficacy of treatments. Under the guidance of regulatory bodies such as the European Medicines Agency and the scientific entrepreneur community, the pharmaceutical industry must do more to ensure that preclinical work is robust, and that products are tested on enough people of different sexes and genders.

# THE LANCET

Differences across the lifespan between females and males in the top 20 causes of disease burden globally

#### The Lancet

The study finds notable health differences between males and females at a global level and urges for policies which are based on age-specific and sexspecific data to achieve greater health equity.

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## Association of socioeconomic disadvantage and ethnicity with perinatal neonatal, and infant mortality in Slovakia

#### **BMC Public Health**

Intersectionality is a concept that is highly relevant for health equity. This study, covering the impact of socio-economic disadvantage and ethnicity once again underlines this. It shows that people from the Roma community in Slovakia, combined with their socio-economic disadvantage, face more adversity throughout childhood and have a higher mortality rate.



#### Housing: an overlooked social determinant of health

#### The Lancet

This editorial outlines the critical relationship between housing and health, advocating for urgent action to address inadequate housing conditions and highlighting the importance of prioritising housing as a public health intervention.



## In the Media



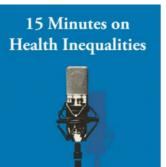
#### Layal Liverpool: 'Racism is a public health crisis – and we can do something about it'

#### The Guardian

What does racism in healthcare look like, what causes it and what are its concrete effects? These are some of the questions covered in Layal Liverpool's newly released book "Systemic: How Racism is Making Us III." The Guardian interviews Layal on some of the reasons why she wrote this book, and the issues that are covered in it.

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### **Other News**



#### Podcast: Inequalities in Childhood Overweight

#### **University of Glasgow**

In this episode of the '15 Minutes on Health Inequalities' series the focus is on Childhood Obesity. While exploring research on this topic, a large part of the focus is on breaking down silos; lessons on this are applicable also on wider considerations on health equity and public health.

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#### Breaking the silence and confronting racism on the wards

#### The BMJ

Racism in he healthcare setting takes many different forms, but it does not only apply to the patient. There are also cases where healthcare workers themselves are the victim of racist remarks. Kevin A Wu, a third year medical student, tells his experiences with racism he faced during his work. It is an example of what can happen, and the need for healthcare works to be prepared on how to deal with such situations.

## **Upcoming Events**



# Summer school: Bridging research, policy and practice to improve the health of migrants

**Swiss School of Public Health** 

This hybrid course will provide participants with an understanding of migration drivers, contextual factors, normative and legal frameworks, as well as the primary hurdles migrants face in obtaining healthcare.

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#### Summer school: Health Equality in All Policies

#### Aletta Jacobs School of Public Health

The summer school explores public health from multiple perspectives, emphasising the collaboration of diverse stakeholders. It delves into the complexities of the field, covering relevant theories and their application to public health challenges. The 5-day programme focuses on reducing health inequalities, with participants applying daily insights to practical challenges.

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