Call for Manuscripts

**Themed Issue on Clinical and Translational Science to Improve Rural Health**

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We are issuing this Call for Papers for a special themed issue of the Journal of Clinical and Translational Science which will focus on **Clinical and Translational Science to Improve Rural Health**. Translational science and education are critical to developing new treatments and healthcare approaches that can be disseminated to underserved and special populations to improve health outcomes across the life span. Our goal is to enhance the value of translational science to improve rural health outcomes and eliminate health disparities.

This themed issue seeks to advance clinical and translational science in addressing rural health and to feature articles turning observations in the laboratory, clinic and community into interventions that improve the health of individuals and the public — from diagnostics and therapeutics to medical procedures and behavioral changes. We are particularly interested in original research papers focused on the science of documenting, understanding, and intervening on improving rural health and promote health equity with rigorous study design that across the spectrum of translational science. Special considerations will be given to innovative studies with the intention of improving rural healthcare delivery and enhancing rural health outcomes among underserved populations.

We invite a wide range of papers addressing rural health across each stage of the clinical and translational science including but not limited to:

- Access to health care
- Medical training and education
- Health Information Technology and Data Science
- Team science
- Geographic disparities
- Occupational and environmental science
- Social Determinants of Health
- Opioid epidemic
- HIV epidemic and other infectious diseases
- Suicide prevention and mental health
- Diversity and inclusion

Submissions should be made online via the Journal's ScholarOne submission site. Authors are asked to select “Rural Health and Health Equity” in the Themed Issue submission question when submitting to this issue. Accepted articles will be published online in FirstView ahead of being compiled into the themed issue.

Manuscripts may be submitted for peer review in any of the Journal’s article types listed here. For a full description of each manuscript category, as well as, information on the submission of manuscripts, journal policy and journal style, please visit the JCTS Instructions for Contributors on Cambridge Core.

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