

Invitation for submission of manuscripts for a JCTS Special Issue focused on Clinical and Translational Science research on health and social drivers in the criminal justice system



Aims of the Special Issue – What are the aims and how will they be met?

To refine the research agenda, measures, methods, and training opportunities needed to advance research on the health and social drivers of criminal justice involvement and health disparities among CTSA affiliated investigators.

Originality of the Special Issue – What new contribution will the Special Issue make?

Timely updates to important research among people with criminal justice involvement with articles varying from epidemiology of chronic illness and COVID-19, compassionate release, mental health, and more.

Topicality – Evidence to support the need for the Special Issue

With the recent emphasis on the role of correctional facilities on outbreaks and disease transmission for COVID-19, there is an even more urgent need to better understand disease risk mitigation and the drivers of health disparities. This is especially the case for people involved in the criminal justice system as they often have underlying chronic health conditions that place them at particularly high risk for serious adverse health outcomes. While 13 million Americans pass through a prison or jail each year, only a small fraction of NIH budgets fund research to serve health disparities population. Refining the research agenda, measures, methods, and training opportunities for this work can better prepare the clinical and translational science workforce to address health disparities.

Anticipated Topics for the Special Issue

We welcome manuscript submission addressing the following general domains:

- ❖ Discussing how to leverage the CTSA network to prioritize criminal justice related research

- ❖ Addressing the practical aspects of conducting research within carceral settings and with criminal justice involved populations (including issues related to study participant recruitment, retention and follow-up and community engagement)
- ❖ Addressing ethical challenges to conducting research with criminal justice involved populations
- ❖ Identifying new training opportunities to expand the scope of clinical and translational science that addresses health disparities among criminal justice populations
- ❖ Advancing a common CTSA-focused research agenda to address health disparities related to criminal justice involvement

Submissions should be made online via the Journal's ScholarOne submission site (<https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/jcts>) no later than **March 1, 2022**. Authors are asked to select "**Health and Social Drivers in the Criminal Justice System**" in the Themed Issue submission question when submitting to this issue.

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