

Call for Manuscripts
JCTS Themed Issue on Adaptive Capacity and Preparedness in Clinical and Translational Science

This is a Call for Papers for a special themed issue of the *Journal of Clinical and Translational Science* focused on **Adaptive Capacity and Preparedness (AC&P) in Clinical and Translational Science**. The key purpose of this thematic issue is to inform the development of adaptive capacity and preparedness of clinical and translational science/research organizations and networks to improve their processes and outcomes, shape programs and services, and strengthen their emergency preparedness and sustainability. The awareness and understanding of emergency adaptation and preparedness challenges, as well as of impactful strategies to overcome them, will help address the research and translational barriers that institutions have been tackling all along.

“Adaptive capacity,” “preparedness for rapid change/emergency,” and “high-quality lessons learned” provide a conceptual background for this edition. Manuscripts are expected to target a diverse audience of all clinical and translational scientists. Manuscripts will be accepted from across the spectrums of both Adaptive Capacity & Preparedness and Clinical and Translational Science. Grounded in evidence, manuscripts are expected to share experiences, principles, concepts, data, and lessons learned that would allow institutions and networks to anticipate, prepare, respond, and adapt to any rapidly emerging challenges.

Given the current trends and interest in climate change and human health and the need for actions and adaptations, this is another key area of importance for translational science. Thus, we also welcome submissions describing approaches, studies, and efforts in the clinical and translational science field to address adaptive capacity and preparedness as related to climate change and health.

The areas of particular interest for this thematic issue include but not limited to:

- Improving understanding of and building AC&P on multiple levels
- Examples of AC&P developed, demonstrated, and/or promoted in institutions, agencies, research teams, communities, and in policies, funding opportunities, etc.
- Promising, relevant applications of AC&P theory and practice from other fields of science
- Innovative approaches to the mitigation of and adaptation to climate change related health challenges.

A letter of intent is recommended but not required (with a brief summary of the topic and/or work; emailed to jcts@cambridge.org by **March 1, 2022**), to ensure your paper fits the issue’s theme. Also, if we identify duplicate concepts in submissions, this approach will provide us an opportunity to connect their authors to develop a collaborative paper. Finalized manuscript submissions will be accepted through **July 1, 2022**.

Submissions should be made online via the Journal’s ScholarOne submission site. Authors are asked to select “**Adaptive Capacity and Preparedness in Clinical and Translational Science**” in the Themed Issue submission question when submitting to this issue. Manuscripts may be submitted for peer review in the following categories: Research Articles, Expedited Reports, Brief Reports, Special Communications, Review Articles, Retrospective Case Studies.

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