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AJPH CALL FOR PAPERS SPECIAL SECTION ON INTERSECTIONS OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND PRIMARY CARE

Forty-six years following the World Health Organization's (WHO's) [Alma-Ata Declaration on Primary Health Care](#), the call to integrate primary care and public health still reverberates, with variable assessments of the degree to which it has been operationalized. Subsequent calls have continued in the years since, including the [1986 Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion](#), the 2008 [World Health Report: Primary health care—Now more than ever](#), and the 2012 CDC and HRSA-funded report [Primary Care and Public Health: Exploring Integration to Improve Population Health](#) from the Medicine (IOM) Committee on Integrating Primary Care and Public Health. The last of these describes how “integration of primary care and public health could enhance the capacity of both sectors to carry out their respective missions” and form partnerships “to catalyze a collaborative, intersectoral movement toward improved population health.” Such integration has become increasingly important in the face of recent and ongoing public health challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, international conflict, and efforts to address the social determinants of health (SDOH) such as those recommended in the [U.S. Playbook to Address Social Determinants of Health](#), as well as shared burdens of public health and primary care, including an aging population, workforce shortages, and advancing technologies (e.g., electronic health record systems, digital and mHealth, etc.).

To inform the call for integration, *AJPH* invites manuscripts that examine local partnerships and collaboration between public health and primary care, with an emphasis on evaluations of successful partnerships, in domestic and international settings. Themes of interest for submissions to this special section include but are not limited to:

- Partnerships between primary care networks and public health institutions that utilize primary care data for targeted intervention or actionable research, including but not limited to surveillance, community trials, monitoring and evaluation, and patient outcomes research;
- Complementary or integrated methods to addressing social determinants of health (SDOH);
- Implementation of public health evidence-based interventions, including SDOH interventions, in primary care settings;
- Leveraging of primary care infrastructure to facilitate public health efforts beyond the primary care setting; and
- Use of public health approaches, such as community health care worker models or other forms of task shifting, to increase reach of and access to primary care, including delivery of primary care in rural and hard-to-reach settings.



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Potential authors should visit the *AJPH* website (www.ajph.org) to review the Instructions for Authors and specific guidelines. Submissions must include a cover letter specifying that the submission is for the Intersections of Public Health and Primary Care special section. Select manuscripts will undergo editorial review and peer review by the *AJPH* editors and peer referees.

Submission are due on November 1, 2024, and can be submitted at <https://www.editorialmanager.com/ajph>. For those unable to meet the deadline, please contact Katherine Anderson (kmande9@emory.edu) to request an extension.