

DHERN January 2025 Newsletter

DHERN Announcements

1. [Register now](#) for the Paper Award winners' presentations! Join us on Zoom, Tuesday, January 28th, 2025, 2:00-3:00pm ET, when each awardee will share a summary of their paper.
 - a. [2024 DHERN Paper Award Winners:](#)
 - b. Kakara, Mihir, Elizabeth F. Bair, and Atheendar S. Venkataramani. "Repeal of Subminimum Wages and Social Determinants of Health Among People With Disabilities." In *JAMA Health Forum*, vol. 5, no. 11, pp. e244034-e244034. American Medical Association, 2024. <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama-health-forum/fullarticle/2826157>
 - c. Levine, A. Alex, Megan B. Cole, Amy Lynn Michals, Na Wang, and Eric Rubenstein. "Inequities in Medicaid home- and community-based services waiver enrollment among people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities: A nationwide claims-based analysis." *Disability and Health Journal* (2024): 101676. <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S1936657424001158>
2. Share your recent publications, upcoming events, job opportunities with the DHERN community! To contribute to the next newsletter, please send details to us at dhern@jh.edu by the 28th.

Opportunities

- **JOBS**
 - a. [Evaluation Coordinator, Special Olympics State Program](#)
 - The Evaluation Coordinator in New Mexico will be embedded with the Special Olympics State Program as their primary work location to interact with State Program staff and local coaches, athletes, families and program administrators. The Evaluation Coordinators will serve as the project liaison on behalf of the Special Olympics Health Research and Evaluation team and participate in the Community of Practice to develop best practices among the participating Programs. Email questions to ruchic@Specialolympics.org.
 - b. [The Lurie Institute for Disability Policy seeks postdoctoral fellow in disability and health research](#)
 - We invite applications from qualified candidates for a two-year postdoctoral fellowship. Advanced training is available under the mentorship of the nationally recognized faculty of the Heller School for Social Policy and Management. Qualified candidates are invited to join a community that thrives on rigorous research, interdisciplinary

collaboration, and supports the mission of knowledge advancing social justice. We highly encourage candidates who identify as disabled to apply for the fellowship program. The fellowship is individualized to meet the professional interests and goals of individual fellows.

- We are seeking candidates who are committed to a career in disability and health research, with prior research and training in the field, have an outstanding academic record, and who have received or will receive a doctoral degree by the appointed start date. Applicants with earned doctorates in public health and epidemiology, economics, public policy, social work, and sociology are particularly encouraged.

- **CALL FOR PAPERS**

- a. **[Frontiers in Reproductive Health](#) Special Issue**

- We are currently welcoming submissions of original research to the "Bridging the Gap: Improving Reproductive Healthcare for Patients with Disabilities" special issue research topic in *Frontiers in Reproductive Health*, Guest Edited by Lindsay M. Cannon and Monica Woll Rosen. Manuscript submissions are due April 8, 2025. We invite those with interest in submitting a manuscript to submit a summary by December 19, 2024 (not required). [Details on the research topic and submission guidelines can be found here](#). Reach out to Lindsay Cannon (lmcannon@wisc.edu) with questions.

- b. **[BMC Health Services Research](#)**

- Currently welcoming submissions of original research to the "Improving care for people with disabilities" Collection, Guest Edited by Dr Linda Long-Bellil. [Submissions due](#) until the end of 15 March 2025, but if you are unable to submit a manuscript before this date, please let us know as we may be able to be flexible. [Submission guidelines here](#). Authors should express their interest in the Collection in their cover letter.

[Disability Data Equity Research Working Group](#) Featured Article

- Cerilli, C., Varadaraj, V., Choi, J., Sweeney, F., Castro, F., Landes, S. D., & Swenor, B. K. (2024). Disability inclusion in national surveys. *Health Affairs Scholar*, 2(9), qxae117.
 - a. This study reviewed nationally representative surveys administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the U.S. Census Bureau that collected data in the past 5 years and sampled adults ≥ 18 years. Data from both publicly available online survey documents and a questionnaire emailed to survey administrators were used to determine whether surveys (1) oversampled disabled people, (2) had a data-accessibility protocol to support data collection, and (3) provided multiple data-collection modalities (eg, phone, paper). Of the 201 surveys identified, 30 met the inclusion criteria for the study. Of these 30 surveys, 1 oversampled disabled people, none had a data-collection accessibility

protocol, and 21 provided multiple data-collection modalities. This study highlights barriers and opportunities to including disabled people in national surveys, which is essential for ensuring survey data are generalizable to the US population.

Disability and Health Journal Featured Article

- Babbs, G., Mulcahy, A., Ellison, J., Varma, H., Pletta, D. R., Yee, K., ... & Hughto, J. M. (2024). [Chronic conditions among transgender Medicare beneficiaries: Variation by race, ethnicity, and Medicaid dual-enrollment.](#) Disability and Health Journal, 101764. elusive.
 - a. We used cross-sectional Medicare enrollment and claims data between 2008 and 2017 for fee-for-service beneficiaries eligible based on disability. Dual-eligible TGD beneficiaries (N = 8041) had a higher predicted probability of nine out of ten health condition categories relative to Medicare-only TGD beneficiaries (N = 6237). TGD adults with disabilities have high rates of chronic conditions with additional disparities by race, ethnicity, and dual eligibility status.

DHERN Member Submissions

- Rfat, M., Nabayinda, J., Kizito, S., & Mirza, M. (2024). [Refugees and asylees with disabilities: a call for economic integration.](#) The Lancet, 404(10466), 1923-1924.
- Rfat, M., Zeng, Y., & Trani, J. F. (2023). [Exploring the Intersectionality of Disability and Refugee Statuses: Reflecting on My Refugee Journey.](#) The British Journal of Social Work, 53(3), 1570-1579.

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