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*Scope Contemporary Research Topics (Health & Wellbeing) 9* theme relates to 'Health (In)equities'. Submissions will provide the opportunity for authors to consider, discuss and debate (in)equalities in relation to global health, social, environmental and economic concerns.

Health inequities are differences in the health status of population groups that are systematic, unfair and avoidable. These are caused by the conditions in which we are born, live, work and grow, influencing opportunities for optimum health and well-being. The COVID-19 pandemic drew attention to the deep disparities that persist between and within countries, some of which are being exacerbated and risk widening even further. Furthermore, due to factors such as persecution, human rights violation, conflict, violence, and the effects of climate change, today there are some 1 billion migrants globally, about 1 in 8 of the global population. These include 281 million international migrants and 82.4 million forcibly displaced (WHO, 2023).

Global health inequities are not inevitable, and the gaps are not fixed, but a comprehensive, multifaceted approach is required to address the multiple and overlapping web of factors that drive differences in experiences and quality of healthcare, through to the wider determinants of health. To tackle inequalities, *Scope (Health & Wellbeing) 9* offers the opportunity for authors to contribute to this issue considering collective responsibility in recognising the role we can all play in advocacy and positive change towards improving and reducing the gap between inequity and equitable health outcomes.

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