



Call for Papers: APJPH Special Issue

Implementation Science for Real-World Public Health Impact in Asia-Pacific

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Aims and Scope

Implementation science has emerged as a critical field for bridging the gap between evidence generation and real-world practice, policy, and population health impact. Across the Asia-Pacific region, healthcare systems face increasingly complex challenges related to demographic transitions, non-communicable diseases, infectious disease preparedness, digital transformation, health inequities, workforce constraints, and resource variability. While substantial advances have been made in developing evidence-based interventions, significant gaps remain in their adoption, implementation, scale-up, sustainability, and equitable integration into routine health systems and community settings.

This special issue aims to showcase high-quality implementation science research, methodological innovations, and practice-based experiences that are relevant to the diverse public health contexts of the Asia-Pacific region. The supplement seeks to advance understanding of how evidence-based interventions, policies, programmes, and technologies can be effectively implemented, adapted, evaluated, and sustained across varying sociocultural, economic, and health system environments.

The supplement welcomes a broad range of manuscript types, including original research articles, systematic and scoping reviews, implementation case studies, short reports, and commentaries.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Implementation of public health programmes and policies
- Health systems strengthening and service delivery implementation
- Primary care and community-based implementation research
- Digital health, telehealth, and artificial intelligence implementation
- Behavioural and implementation science approaches in healthcare
- Implementation strategies to address health inequities and vulnerable populations
- Community engagement and participatory implementation approaches
- Workforce development and implementation capacity building
- Hybrid effectiveness-implementation studies
- Pragmatic trials and real-world implementation evaluations
- Sustainability, scalability, and de-implementation research
- Use and adaptation of implementation science frameworks, theories, and methodologies in Asia-Pacific contexts
- Policy implementation and systems-level interventions
- Implementation outcomes research, including acceptability, adoption, feasibility, fidelity, penetration, and sustainability

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