



## Advancing the Adaptability of Chronic Disease Prevention and Management Through Implementation Science

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Dear Colleague:

The National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI) is writing to invite you to submit a letter of intent to prepare a manuscript for consideration in a forthcoming supplemental issue entitled, “*Advancing the Adaptability of Chronic Disease Prevention and Management Through Implementation Science*” to appear in the journal ***Prevention Science***.

People living with cardiovascular disease and other chronic diseases have been particularly vulnerable during the COVID-19 pandemic, with a greater risk of complications and death. This vulnerability has been exacerbated by pandemic-caused disruptions in access to chronic disease care, changes in service delivery, and patient concerns about the safety of seeking in-person preventive and emergent care. Implementation science is the study of methods to promote the adoption and integration of evidence-based practices, interventions, and policies into routine healthcare and public health settings to improve their impact on population health. Implementation research both seeks to understand the approaches that work best to translate research to the real world, and to apply and adapt these approaches in different contexts and settings to achieve better health outcomes. Implementation science has generated a number of potential solutions to the failure to translate evidence from research into effective practice and policy that is evident in many fields and could help maximize reach and impact of interventions for populations with chronic diseases.

This supplemental issue, *Advancing the Adaptability of Chronic Disease Prevention and Management Through Implementation Science*, seeks to advance work in this area by bringing together researchers and practitioners in the fields of chronic disease prevention and implementation science. The issue will highlight innovations in the implementation and advancement of chronic disease prevention and management both during and beyond the

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COVID-19 pandemic. Multiple perspectives on these issues will be discussed and considered, including those of practitioners, program developers, researchers, research institutions, funders, and educators of the next generation of prevention scientists. We are interested in research on expanding public health workforce roles and scope of practice, addressing social determinants of health and increasing health equity through public health interventions, scaling and spreading evidence-based public health programs and practices, building infrastructure to support the adoption of evidence-based public health programs and practices; and strengthening systems of care to reduce health disparities.

Authors interested in contributing a manuscript for this special issue are asked to submit a letter of intent to NNPHI by **October 15, 2021**, which includes the following: (1) tentative title; (2) brief description of 500 words or less; (3) brief justification (one to two sentences) of how the proposed submission aligns with the special issue topic and goals; and (4) author affiliations for all authors and contact information for corresponding author. The guest editors will review the letters of intent for fit with the supplemental issue and work to provide an inclusive set of papers that best advances theoretical and empirical knowledge regarding the application of chronic disease prevention and management practices to the field of prevention science. Letters of intent should be sent electronically as a PDF or Word file to Shakeira Causey, PhD, ([scausey@nnphi.org](mailto:scausey@nnphi.org)) with the subject line noted as "Supplemental Issue of Prevention Science: Advancing the Adaptability of Chronic Disease Prevention and Management." All letters of intent will be reviewed by **December 3, 2021**. Authors selected to submit full manuscripts will be notified in early December and will be asked to submit a full manuscript through the online review system by **April 15, 2022**. Manuscripts will be sent out for full peer review in accordance with the standard *Prevention Science* review guidelines.

Questions concerning letters of intent can be directed to NNPHI Shakiera Causey, PhD([scausey@nnphi.org](mailto:scausey@nnphi.org)).

Manuscript formats can include original empirical submissions, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, brief reports etc. For additional information on the journal and author guidelines, see <http://link.springer.com/journal/11121>.

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