

Studies in Family Planning

Call for Abstracts: Special Issue on Indicators in Sexual and Reproductive Health

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Studies in Family Planning is seeking abstracts of possible contributions to a special issue on indicators for sexual and reproductive health and rights for use at the national and subnational levels. Indicators such as the total fertility rate, the modern contraceptive prevalence rate, unmet need for contraception, percent of demand satisfied, among others, have been widely used to gauge progress, quantify need, set policies, and allocate resources. They have also been widely discussed and often critiqued, sometimes in the pages of this journal, and have to some extent evolved over time as a result. Our goal for this special issue is to continue that dialogue by bringing together a variety of perspectives on the strengths and limitations of existing indicators, as well as ideas for new indicators that could complement or replace the existing ones. Our interest is not limited to modern contraception or family planning, but encompasses all elements of sexual and reproductive health and rights identified in the Guttmacher-Lancet Commission report on that topic:

<https://www.thelancet.com/action/showPdf?pii=S0140-6736%2818%2930293-9>

We welcome contributions of three types: commentaries, reports, and original research articles, as described here:

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Submitted abstracts should be no more than 1,000 words in the main body of the abstract, excluding references, figures, and tables. Abstracts should specify whether the authors envision submitting a commentary, report, or original research article. Please send abstracts by **October 15, 2021**, to Rachel Friedman, Senior Managing Editor: rfriedman@popcouncil.org. Authors will be notified by November 15 whether a full paper will be invited for submission. All submissions go through *Studies'* double-blind peer review process.

Final papers deadline: February 15, 2022.