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This issue is the third and final in the series of special issues in the *Journal of Health Disparities Research and Practice*, focusing on the sexual health of heterosexual men across the lifespan. A dearth of research focusing on heterosexual men of color remains. The sexual health of heterosexual men of color remains threatened by chronic disease, prostate cancer, HIV and AIDS, to name a few.

Heterosexual men of color sexual health concerns continue to be overshadowed by the persistently high incidence of HIV among homosexual men of color. This issue of the *Journal of Health Disparities Research and Practice* is an initial step towards identifying and addressing the challenges that persistently threaten the sexual health among heterosexual men of color, across the lifespan.

Access to novel drugs has extended the discussion of men's sexual health across the lifespan. Additionally, social determinants of health, stress and coping and the continued exploration of sexuality among men has created a diverse and ever changing depiction of heterosexual men's sexual health behaviors and risk to health across the lifespan. By exploring the health disparities, current and novel research and practices focusing on the sexual health of heterosexual men of color in across the lifespan the difficult, but much needed forums, interventions and programs can be spurred on to address the correlates that threaten the health and well-being of men of color. As the editors of the *Journal of Health Disparities Research and Practice*, Drs. Marya Shegog and Melva Thompson-Robinson believe that this special issue, as well as, another specifically focusing on heterosexual men of color will elucidate new information, drive research and establish a new trajectory of programs specifically addressing the sexual health of people of color across the lifespan.

Thank you for your continued support of the *Journal of Health Disparities Research and Practice*. Please look forward to future issues, as well as, additional special issues in the upcoming year.

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