Editor’s Note

As we gain new knowledge about the determinants of disease, the causes of health disparities, and effective strategies for prevention, the need for effective methods for research and practice has become paramount. Eliminating racial and ethnic disparities in health requires reconsidering traditional methods for health research and practice to ensure that disparities are correctly identified and measured, and that interventions effectively target populations at risk.

The theme running through the third issue of the JHDRP is one of rethinking the methods and tools we use for identifying, measuring, and eliminating health disparities. In our lead article, Hawley et al. discuss an innovative preference elicitation technique for assessing patient preference as a means of improving screening rates among vulnerable populations. Other articles in this issue critique current approaches, the utility of available data, and the challenges and rewards of innovative methods for better understanding problems and implementing effective solutions.

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