Editorial

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This edition offers a wide and interdisciplinary approach to key topics that affect public health, particularly in study designs, cost containment and international health. The topics are diverse and in-depth regarding issues that affect a wide audience of people who are interested in public health matters.

There are negative implications between cost containment in the German health-care system and physicians attempting to adhere to guideline-oriented medications. This article examines patients with diagnosis of stroke and ACS (acute coronary syndrome) at the time of hospital discharge and at 6-month follow-up. This study shows the inherent dissonance between cost containment and effective treatment therapy. In addition, the first section provides a predictor analysis of ability to work and psychological stressors affecting teachers. This study was conducted using an index questionnaire and analyzed using a CHAID analysis. The results offer a positive premise that reveals that teachers are frequently exposed to psychological stress in their occupation.

The second article discusses contexts of life and experiences of motherhood among an often under-represented sub-group of the population — homeless adolescents. The theme surfacing in this study, which offers a unique perspective through content analysis, is that motherhood

provides stable bonds and relationships and hence a better community health outcome.

The third article offers an examination of differences among the Turkish immigrant community and their victimization during a man-made disaster. It further adds to the literature the concept that immigrant victims appear to be more vulnerable to the health effects of a disaster than indigenous victims. The author answers a question and discovers that no significant difference was found between Turkish and Dutch victims and raises more questions in the literature about how to best allocate resources.

In this edition, the reader will find comments regarding the increased emigration of German doctors that is worsening the existing shortage of doctors in Germany. As in most developed countries like Germany, the health system is increasingly depending on the immigration of foreign doctors.

The overall broad scope of this volume from infant mortality and cancer in the US, cross-sectional study among hospitalized children in Gaza, Palestine, and rare discussion on the use of “controlled” vocabulary in the public health literature to finally the Japanese study on bone mass and postmenopausal women all aggregately speak to the spirit of this edition of the “Journal of Public Health,” which is inclusion of broad, global and interdisciplinary issues affecting public health as we know it.

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