



PREVENTING CHRONIC DISEASE

PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH, PRACTICE, AND POLICY

2018 Year in Review

A Word from the Editor in Chief

Preventing Chronic Disease (PCD) received 687 new submissions and 184 resubmissions in 2018 and published findings from its first external review panel, which resulted in vision and mission statements:

1. Vision. Disseminate public health findings, innovations, and practices with high-quality content on chronic disease prevention.
2. Mission statement. Promote dialogue among researchers, practitioners, and policy makers worldwide on the application of research findings and practical experience to improve population health.

PCD used its new statements to publish articles that aligned with the following areas:

- Development, implementation, and evaluation of population-based interventions to prevent chronic diseases and control their effect on quality of life.
- Behavioral, psychological, genetic, environmental, biological, and social factors that influence health.
- Interventions that reduce the incidence of chronic diseases among at-risk populations.
- Development, implementation, and evaluation of public health law and health policy-driven interventions.

PCD's identified submissions that used population-based approaches and offered 2 new article types: Implementation Evaluation articles, describing interventions from real-world settings; and program Evaluation Briefs, describing findings from successful public health programs. PCD published the following collections:

"State and Local Public Health Actions to Prevent and Control Chronic Diseases," consisting of 12 articles describing national, state, and local programs:

https://www.cdc.gov/pcd/collections/pdf/PCD_StateAndLocal_Collection_FINAL_3-27-18.pdf.

A collection featuring 5 winners from PCD's 2017 Student Research Paper Contest:

https://www.cdc.gov/pcd/collections/pdf/PCD_2017StudentPapersCombined.pdf.

"The Childhood Obesity Research Demonstration (CORD) Project," with 5 articles exploring intervention fidelity in diverse communities:

https://www.cdc.gov/pcd/collections/pdf/CORD_Collection.pdf.

"Eliminating Health Disparities," dedicated to Dr Timothy Cunningham, who served as an associate editor before his death, featuring 9 articles on interventions with at-risk populations:

https://www.cdc.gov/pcd/collections/pdf/Health_Disparities_Collection_2018.pdf.

"Promoting the Science and Practice of Implementation Evaluation in Public Health," featuring 5 implementation evaluations conducted in real-world settings:

https://www.cdc.gov/pcd/collections/pdf/PCD_IE_Collection_final_Dec-2018.pdf.

In 2018, PCD published high-quality content, identified public health priorities, and implemented recommendations from its first external review. We thank you for your support and look forward to working with authors to publish articles of the highest quality in 2019.

Metrics



Current Impact Factor
1.862 (2017)



Ranked 14th among Google Scholar's
Top 20 Public Health Journals



Ranked 20th of 142
open-access public health journals by SJR (Scimago)



Manuscripts published in 2018:
163



Manuscripts Received:
695



International scope:
133 manuscripts submitted in 2018
5 manuscripts published in 2018



MedScope CMEs
8,098 completed for articles published in 2018



Total subscribers:
84,361



PDF Downloads:
54,906



Total Web views:
998,086



Scope and Focus

PCD's versatile electronic publication platform and relevant, rigorous research continues to set it apart from other journals in the public health arena. With each weekly release of articles, PCD continues its mission to promote dialogue among researchers, practitioners, and policy makers worldwide on the integration and application of research findings and practical experience to improve population health.

Each PCD release features articles from around the world on topics relevant to the prevention of chronic disease. Last year, the journal's most widely read articles addressed multiple topics, including US deaths associated with inadequate physical activity, impact of CDC's Tips from Former Smokers campaign on smoking cessation, urban park quality and health, and patterns and trends in cancer screening. PCD's scope of interests evolves as the field of chronic disease prevention and health promotion advances to address the latest research and practice. Moving forward, the journal intends to focus on these important areas:

- Development, implementation, and evaluation of population-based interventions to prevent chronic diseases and control their effects on quality of life, illness, and death.
- Behavioral, psychological, genetic, environmental, biological, and social factors that influence health.
- Interventions that reduce the disproportionate incidence of chronic diseases among at-risk populations.
- Development, implementation, and evaluation of public health law and health policy-driven interventions.

To ensure this content reaches the largest possible audience, PCD continues to be an open access journal with articles available free online. Full-text content of Preventing Chronic Disease is digitally archived each month and available via PubMed Central and CrossRef. Our articles are also available through CDC's mobile app for on-the-go access. And the journal continues to use social media as a platform for reaching public health practitioners. These vital communication efforts further PCD's vision to serve as an influential journal in the dissemination of proven and promising public health findings, innovations, and practices with editorial content respected for its integrity and relevance to chronic disease prevention.

2018 Reviewers

Preventing Chronic Disease thanks its reviewers for their insightful critiques, thoughtful recommendations, and valuable assistance in contributing to the scientific quality and the integrity of articles published in PCD. See the full list of PCD reviewers.

Top 10 Most Talked About Articles of 2018

Percentage of Deaths Associated With Inadequate Physical Activity in the United States
https://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2018/17_0354.htm

Impact of the Tips From Former Smokers Campaign on Population-Level Smoking Cessation, 2012–2015
https://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2018/18_0051.htm

Assessing the Relationship Between a Composite Score of Urban Park Quality and Health
https://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2018/18_0033.htm

Patterns and Trends in Cancer Screening in the United States
https://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2018/17_0465.htm

Creating Walkable Communities: Understanding Trade-Offs
https://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2018/18_0123.htm

E-Cigarette Use Among Adolescents Not Susceptible to Using Cigarettes
https://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2018/17_0368.htm

Trends in Unit Sales of Flavored and Menthol Electronic Cigarettes in the United States, 2012–2016
https://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2018/17_0576.htm

Eating Veggies Is Fun! An Implementation Pilot Study in Partnership With a YMCA in South Los Angeles
https://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2018/18_0150.htm

National and State-Specific Unit Sales and Prices for Electronic Cigarettes, United States, 2012–2016
https://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2018/17_0555.htm

Public Libraries As Partners for Health
https://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2018/17_0392.htm



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