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## Social diversity and access to healthcare

Social diversity may affect health outcomes in situations when access to healthcare is limited for certain social groups. Although non-discriminatory access to healthcare services is one of the basic principles of medical ethics and health law, there are still debates regarding the implementation of this concept in practice. Barriers such as inadequate legal entitlements, language, different concepts of health and disease, socio-economic factors or attitudes of healthcare professionals can hinder equity in access to healthcare. The authors of contributions gathered in this volume analyze challenges in access to healthcare for various minority groups and propose possible solutions.

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# Preface

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This project focuses on the concept of diversity that includes aspects of ethnicity, religion, gender, and sexual orientation in the social context of healthcare viewed as a public space. The aim of this project is to generate systematic knowledge about how and to what degree the European norms and guidelines concerning diversity are implemented in national legal regulations in Germany, Slovenia, Croatia, and Poland and how they are realized in clinical practice in these countries. The project concentrates on the ethical, cultural, and normative aspects of integration and exclusion within the healthcare sector.

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