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Synopsis

The essays commissioned for this book analyze the impact of city living on health, focusing primarily on conditions in the United States. With 16 chapters by 24 internationally recognized experts, the book introduces an ecological approach to the study of the health of urban populations. This book assesses the primary determinants of well-being in cities, including the social and physical environments, diet, and health care and social services. The book includes chapters on the history of public health in cities, the impact of urban sprawl and urban renewal on health, and the challenges facing cities in the developing world. It also examines conditions such as infectious diseases, violence and disasters, and mental illness.

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"Cities and the Health of the Public" provides an excellent overview of urban health in the 21st century. This book is extremely well organized and accessible to a broad range of people, including interested readers, students and professionals of urban health (activists, researchers and service providers). The editors introduce a comprehensive framework for the study of urban health and illustrate the framework through applications to real world examples shared by scholars in the field of urban health. Perhaps most valuable is the understanding shared by the editors and contributors to this volume that global and national social, economic and political factors (e.g., poverty, availability of affordable housing and fresh, healthy food) are important influences on urban health.

As a faculty member in a program with an undergraduate and Masters in Public Health program focusing on urban health and social justice, I look forward to using this book as a teaching tool and as a tool to advocate for social justice.

This textbook clearly presents the health issues specific to urban living. It provides an excellent foundation for a range of urban health topics. I find the extensive references at the end of each chapter to be especially useful as a springboard for deeper investigation when needed.

Concise, timely and well written book highlighting the nascent field of urban health. Worthwhile for health professionals and urban planners alike.

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