

Special Issue

Antimicrobial Resistance and Healthcare Associated Infections

Message from the Guest Editors

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is a global health and development threat that requires urgent multisector action in order to achieve goals and to implement effective prevention measures. Healthcare-associated infections (HCAI) due to microorganisms that are antimicrobial resistant are today one of the most important challenges in modern medicine. One major preventive goal is preventing infections and maintaining optimal antimicrobial treatment, so that we could consequently prevent all avoidable HCAI but especially make sure that non-avoidable infections are at the very least treatable. Misuse and overuse of antimicrobials are the main drivers in the development of multidrug-resistant pathogens. In the same manner, inadequate infection prevention and control promotes the spread of these microorganisms. In addition, the costs of AMR to the economy are significant, and the same is true for death, disability, prolonged illness resulting in longer hospital stays, and the need for more expensive medicines and financial challenges that have a negative impact both at an individual and social level.

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