

## Special Issue

# Mental Health and Justice: New Advances in Forensic Psychiatry

### Message from the Guest Editor

- We welcome original research articles, reviews, brief communications, and case reports that address the multifaceted nature of forensic psychiatric practice and theory. Contributions may span a broad range of topics, including but not limited to psychiatric evaluations in legal contexts, the assessment and management of criminal responsibility, risk assessment for violence or recidivism, and psychiatric care in custodial and correctional settings.
- We particularly encourage submissions that engage with emerging challenges in forensic psychiatry, such as ethical dilemmas, the interface with medical jurisprudence, and the psychiatric implications of detention, coercion, and institutionalization. Submissions addressing bioethical issues, legal standards for mental illness, and the evolving role of forensic psychiatrists in multidisciplinary clinical environments are also of interest.
- By bringing together diverse perspectives and empirical findings, this Special Issue seeks to foster a comprehensive understanding of current trends, challenges, and innovations in forensic psychiatry.

---

### Guest Editor

Dr. Andrea Cioffi

Department of Clinical and Experimental Medicine, Section of Legal Medicine, University of Foggia, 71122 Foggia, Italy

---

### Deadline for manuscript submissions

14 July 2026



## Brain Sciences

---

an Open Access Journal  
by MDPI

---

Impact Factor 2.8  
CiteScore 5.6  
Indexed in PubMed



[mdpi.com/si/248494](https://mdpi.com/si/248494)

*Brain Sciences*  
Editorial Office  
MDPI, Grosspeteranlage 5  
4052 Basel, Switzerland  
Tel: +41 61 683 77 34  
[brainsci@mdpi.com](mailto:brainsci@mdpi.com)

[mdpi.com/journal/  
brainsci](https://mdpi.com/journal/brainsci)





# Brain Sciences

---

an Open Access Journal  
by MDPI

---

Impact Factor 2.8  
CiteScore 5.6  
Indexed in PubMed



[mdpi.com/journal/  
brainsci](https://mdpi.com/journal/brainsci)



## About the Journal

### Message from the Editor-in-Chief

You are invited to contribute a research article or a comprehensive review for consideration and publication in *Brain Sciences* (ISSN 2076-3425). *Brain Sciences* is an open access, peer-reviewed scientific journal that publishes original articles, critical reviews, research notes, and short communications on neuroscience. The scientific community and the general public can access the content free of charge as soon as it is published.

---

### Editor-in-Chief

Prof. Dr. Stephen D. Meriney

Department of Neuroscience, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA  
15260, USA

---

### Author Benefits

#### High Visibility:

indexed within Scopus, SCIE (Web of Science), PubMed, PMC, Embase, PSYINDEX, PsycInfo, CAPlus / SciFinder, and other databases.

#### Rapid Publication:

manuscripts are peer-reviewed and a first decision is provided to authors approximately 17.6 days after submission; acceptance to publication is undertaken in 2.5 days (median values for papers published in this journal in the second half of 2025).

#### Recognition of Reviewers:

reviewers who provide timely, thorough peer-review reports receive vouchers entitling them to a discount on the APC of their next publication in any MDPI journal, in appreciation of the work done.