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Information Provision and Preparation in the Context of Children's Pain

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

The experience of any pain is likely to be distressing for a child and their family when it is not well understood. Accurate, developmentally-appropriate information prior to medical procedures or surgery may assist children to better understand the experience and how to cope with it, reducing distress and subsequent negative memories of the experience. In the context of chronic and complex pain, information about the biopsychosocial framework and basic concepts of pain neurobiology may be a necessary first step before proceeding with an interdisciplinary pain program.

The goal of the Special Issue is to highlight recent advances and gaps in knowledge in information provision and preparation in the context of children's pain across a range of clinical settings. We also encourage submissions that explore how cognitive-development, social and cultural factors, past pain experiences, and individual differences may impact on information provision and preparation methods and efficacy. Finally, we invite submissions exploring communication about children's pain to the broader public, using social media and other technology.

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