



## Kawasaki Disease in Children and Adolescents

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Kawasaki disease was once a rare diagnosis, but now it is increasingly common. The recent British Paediatric Surveillance Unit study showed that there were 19% of children with coronary artery aneurysms as a consequence. It also showed that the incidence is increasing and globally, we find that the incidence is doubling every 10 years. These may have life-long effect on the developing child. Those most likely to develop such aneurysms live in rural areas, and have fewest of the associated clinical features, are diagnosed late and treated late as a consequence.

Sadly, many clinicians in the Western world believe that this condition is too rare to be seen on the wards. We hope that this Special Issue will highlight the areas of concern, those where there is lack of knowledge and those where there is more work to be undertaken, raising awareness as a consequence for the benefit of future children.

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