

Special Issue

Family-Centered Care in Pediatric Health

Message from the Guest Editors

Dear colleagues, The number of children living with complex chronic conditions is rapidly increasing. Children with complex chronic conditions and their families try to live lives that are as normal as possible. Yet, the impact of disease and daily care tasks influences their ability and opportunity to participate in daily life and society. Healthcare professionals working with these families often rely on a disease-oriented approach, with a focus on disease and symptom management. Life goals are often not clearly explored or defined, which might prevent families from organizing their lives and family balance in an adequate way. This Special Issue will focus on exploring backgrounds and strategies with which to provide family-centred care in the context of children living with chronic complex conditions. Both reviews and original research (qualitative, quantitative, and mixed) will be considered for publication.

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