

Special Issue

Specialized Pediatric Palliative Care: In-Hospital, Homecare and Intersectoral Demands

Message from the Guest Editors

Worldwide, more than 20 million children are in need of pediatric palliative care (PPC). Pediatric patients suffer from a broad spectrum of life-limiting conditions, most of which are rare diseases. PPC should be delivered by an interprofessional team in different healthcare settings like the school, in society, and in primary, secondary or tertiary care. The goals of PPC are symptom control as well as social, spiritual, and emotional support to improve and stabilize the quality of life. PPC is a holistic care approach. Typically, three levels of PPC are defined. Level 1 is called the palliative care approach and means that palliative care principles are appropriately applied by all healthcare professionals. Level 2 is a general palliative care approach delivered by professionals with basic PPC training. Level 3 is the highest PPC level with specialist professionals in PPC working in specialized PPC services—PPC is their core activity. This Special Issue should attract manuscripts on Level 3, specialized pediatric palliative care delivered in-hospital as well as at home with a special focus on intersectoral demands.

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