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Towards Sustainable Healthcare for Children

Message from the Guest Editors

Children have traditionally been left voiceless in the healthcare setting. Yet recent decades of research have revealed children's specific needs in preventative and pediatric care as they live with long-term illness and disability in increasing numbers. Their experiences of their healthcare, as well as their longing for other children, an inclusive school system, and a meaningful everyday life, have been revealed. Children seek to be heard as individuals, not just defined by their medical conditions. Power dynamics are shifting as children increasingly participate in decision making regarding their healthcare. The family-centered care approach of many years is being challenged by child-centered care, emphasizing the inclusion of children's perspectives. In today's post-pandemic world marked by conflict, terror, and climate crises, healthcare systems are rapidly evolving through AI and digitalization. Sustainable care for children in need of healthcare, in accordance with the goals of Agenda 2030 and of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, must be participatory, interdisciplinary, and driven by the input of children in need of services.

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