

Special Issue

Pediatric Palliative Care

Message from the Guest Editor

At least 20 million children worldwide would benefit from Pediatric Palliative Care (PPC) annually, and 8 million children would need specialized PPC services. PPC is about matching treatment to patient goals and is considered specialized medical care for children with a serious illness. It is focused on relieving pain, distressing symptoms, and stress and is appropriate at any age/stage, together with curative treatment. The primary goal is to improve the quality of life both for the child and for the family.

High-quality PPC is now an expected standard of medicine. However, there still remain significant issues related to lack of formal education, costs reimbursement, the emotional impact of caring for a dying child, and principally, the lack of interdisciplinary PPC teams with sufficient staffing. This Special Issue is dedicated to describing existing gaps, as well as the achievements made in clinical care, education, training, and research. Both reviews and original research will be considered for publication.

Kind regards,

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