

Special Issue

Innovation in Burn Scar Prevention and Management

Message from the Guest Editors

The prevention and management of burn scarring is of utmost importance to patients and treating multidisciplinary teams, yet the evidence base for burn scar interventions has gaps and limitations that urgently need to be addressed. There is a lack of robust evidence on the effectiveness of some of the most commonly applied scar interventions in burn care. Further, the study designs commonly used to test these interventions are limited in their ability to evaluate the complexity of scar prevention and management approaches.

More attention also needs to be focused on patients with scars as strong and active players in the multidisciplinary team and in their own care. We need to better understand how patients with scars may benefit from new models of scar care that facilitate communication and shared decision making. In this Special Issue, we are interested in studies that apply innovative methodological approaches (for example, adaptive trials, single case designs, hybrid effectiveness–implementation studies), evidence to address gaps and limitations in the evidence, and qualitative and mixed methods research.

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