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New Challenges in Health Care Services among Patients with Spinal Cord Injury

Message from the Guest Editor

Persons with spinal cord injury experience significant changes in their physical, psychological and social status both from their initial injury and from many potential secondary complications that may become chronic conditions, requiring lifelong management. As a result, there are multiple health care needs that span across the continuum of care, necessitating the involvement by not only primary care and specialty clinicians, but also community support and services, vocational specialists, social and housing agencies, as well as policy makers with special expertise and knowledge on the care of persons with spinal cord injury. Appropriate coordination of these support and services with a person-centred approach is complex yet necessary, but it is not always possible or available among this diverse group of stakeholders. In fact, the gaps and challenges in lifelong support and service provision for persons with spinal cord injury differ greatly between jurisdictions and countries. This Special Issue aims to describe and address some of these challenges in support and service provision and coordination, to enhance the health care services of persons with spinal cord injury.

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