# **Special Issue**

# Coping with Challenges of the Supporting Roles in Diseases with a Poor Prognosis

## Message from the Guest Editor

Caregivers include both health professionals and untrained caregivers. In diseases with a poor prognosis, it is likely that the caregivers' resources or capacities will be exceeded, with this resulting in distress and psychological, well-being-related and financial consequences. We are welcome contributions concerning the professional or informal care of patients with chronic illnesses and a poor prognosis. This Special Issue welcomes the submission of original research and literature reviews that explore the provision of care and support in clinical settings, chronic diseases, oncology, cardiological and neurological settings, and palliative care. The scope of this Special Issue includes, but is not limited to, the following topics:

- Observational and longitudinal studies on caregiver roles;
- Interventions involving caregivers;
- Systematic review and meta-analyses regarding the caregiver's needs;
- Comparative studies exploring different types of caregiver's communication/attitude/support;
- Studies measuring or validating tools for caregiving assessment;
- Qualitative, quantitative or mixed-methods studies.

I look forward to receiving your contributions.

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