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Shared Medical Appointments and Group Consultations

Message from the Guest Editors

There is a significant healthcare workforce shortage, which has made it difficult for many communities to access timely healthcare. Healthcare must be tailored to the needs of the community, be delivered locally, prioritise long-term conditions. Care should support positive health behaviours, which require time and multidisciplinary input. Alternatives to traditional 1:1 consultations are needed to assist in addressing these issues. Shared medical appointments constitute an evidence-based approach that delivers comprehensive care, increases access, is cost-effective, and is associated with better outcomes, including high patient and clinician satisfaction. Shared medical appointments and group consultations are ideally suited to people with long-term conditions and allow for attending to "each patient's unique medical needs individually. This Special Issue aims to publish original studies, case reports, and short communications to provide healthcare professionals with evidence-based recommendations regarding the evaluation, structure, and implementation of shared medical appointments, group consultations, and other non-traditional models of patient care.

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