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Shaping Futures: Health Policy Innovations for Neurodevelopmental Disorders in Children

Message from the Guest Editors

Neurodevelopmental disorders (NDDs) affect millions of children worldwide. These disorders disrupt developmental progress and create significant challenges for families, caregivers, and communities. Children with NDDs face “double vulnerability,” contending with functional impairments and systemic barriers such as prolonged diagnostic delays, financial inequalities, fragmented care systems, and exclusionary practices. Underserved populations, including rural communities and racial or ethnic minorities, face compounded challenges due to limited access to specialized services, geographic isolation, and structural inequities. In low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), disparities in healthcare and educational resources further restrict access to early diagnosis, therapeutic interventions, and advocacy. This Special Issue seeks original research, policy briefs, and reviews that explore the intersection between NDDs and health policy. Topics may include best practices in policy development, strategies to reduce healthcare disparities, and frameworks for scaling evidence-based policies in resource-limited settings.

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