

Special Issue

Moving Away from Coercion in Mental Health Care: Second Edition

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue focuses on advancing mental health care systems that move away from coercive measures, prioritizing patient dignity, autonomy, and culturally inclusive care. Coercive practices, such as forced treatment or restraint, can have severe psychological and emotional impacts on both patients and health care professionals, undermining trust and recovery. Developing sustainable alternatives to coercion is essential for creating ethical, patient-centered mental health systems. Despite growing knowledge about the risks of coercion and interventions to reduce its use, embedding these practices in clinical care remains a challenge. Implementation science offers vital tools to bridge the gap between research and practice, fostering the adoption of evidence-based approaches in diverse mental health settings. This Special Issue welcomes original research and reviews on key topics, including the following:

- Systematic reviews and meta-analyses of coercion research.
- Cross-cultural studies on reducing coercion.
- Implementation models for non-coercive interventions.
- Research addressing the needs of vulnerable populations.

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