

Special Issue

Opioids and Chronic Pain: Navigating Treatment, Policy, and Patient Outcomes in Global Healthcare Systems

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue welcomes research that explores **the complexities of opioid use in chronic pain management across different countries and healthcare systems**, focusing on the following topics:

- **Clinical Practices and Patient Outcomes**
 - Long-term effects of opioid therapy on pain, function, and quality of life.
 - The comparative effectiveness of opioid vs. non-opioid treatments for chronic pain.
 - The impact of opioid tapering and discontinuation on patient well-being.
 - Patient experiences and perspectives on opioid therapy and alternatives.
- **Healthcare Systems and Policy Implications**
 - How different countries regulate opioid prescribing and pain management.
 - International comparisons of opioid use trends and public health outcomes.
 - Disparities in access to pain management and opioid prescribing practices globally.
- **Innovations and Future Directions**
 - Advances in risk assessment and opioid stewardship programs in global healthcare systems.
 - Multimodal and integrative approaches to chronic pain treatment across cultures.
 - Digital health interventions for pain management and opioid monitoring in international settings.
 - The impact of public health litigation and opioid settlements on patient care worldwide.

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