

## Special Issue

# Efficiency, Innovation, and Sustainability in Healthcare Systems

### Message from the Guest Editors

The sustainability of healthcare systems is a long-term challenge that is threatened by populations aging, the increasing prevalence of chronic conditions, costly new therapies leading to substantial rises in health expenditures, the shortage of qualified health personnel, and the increasing challenges in administrative processes and cybersecurity. In view of the healthcare sustainable development goals (SDGs), policymakers around the globe are facing the challenge of balancing cost containment with equity, quality, and environmentally friendly innovation. This Special Issue of *Healthcare* aims to contribute new knowledge to the scientific literature on the topics of efficiency, innovation, quality, and sustainability in healthcare systems, as well as to fuel ongoing debates on these and/or other related issues. Original research articles and all types of reviews are welcome. Research areas may include (but are not limited to) the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) framework in healthcare, the efficient use of health resources, sustainability and health inequities, sustainable financing, innovation and big data analytics.

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