

Special Issue

Primary Mental Health Care in a New Era

Message from the Guest Editors

The COVID-19 pandemic has created new facts and new challenges for health care systems in all countries by exerting immense pressure on communities, hospitals and mental health services. Primary mental health services have to cope, to a large extent, with the impact of the pandemic crisis: the possible deterioration of the mental health of vulnerable populations such as patients with chronic illnesses, migrants, the elderly and people who have been under great psychological and physical stress. Still, for COVID-19 patients, we do not know much about their psychosocial and mental health needs, and whether or how they can get help in primary mental health care. We need to review the mental health needs in the community population considering possible existing protection mechanisms and how they contribute to and maintain positive mental health. The purpose of this Special Issue is to gather research articles, reviews and/or meta-analyses on the current mental health needs of the community population. We will gladly review studies that address the restructuring of primary mental health care systems to better address today's multiple challenges.

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