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Advancing Cultural Competence in Health Care

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue will explore the evolving landscape of cultural competence, encompassing concepts such as cultural responsiveness within healthcare systems. We invite empirical research, systematic reviews, case studies, and theoretical papers that investigate innovative educational interventions for health professionals, effective organizational strategies for implementing culturally responsive care, the measurable impact of cultural competence on patient safety, satisfaction, and health outcomes, and challenges in implementation and evaluation. Contributions examining intersectionality, addressing the specific needs of vulnerable or marginalized groups, and leveraging technology to bridge cultural divides are particularly encouraged. This Special Issue will provide actionable insights and evidence-based practices to guide clinicians, educators, administrators, and policymakers in fostering truly equitable and patientcentered healthcare environments.

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