



Drug Utilisation Studies in Paediatrics

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Message from the Guest Editor

Medicines play a crucial role in the treatment of children by reducing mortality and morbidity. The rational use of medicines is of key importance in ensuring that children receive treatment when needed and avoid unnecessary treatments, and hence minimise drug toxicity. The study of the pharmacoepidemiology of medicines is essential to assist in determining whether medicines are used rationally or not.

The evidence base for the use of many medicines in paediatrics is poor. Many medicines are used off-label in paediatric patients. Labelling is, however, less important than the evidence base. This Special Issue is focussed on the utilisation of medicines used in paediatric patients in different settings. It is not focussed on off-label and unlicensed use, which has previously been well documented.

This Special Issue welcomes papers from low- and lower-middle income countries as well as upper-middle and high-income countries where there has been more extensive research. Studies of all paediatric ages and all settings (primary and secondary) are welcomed. Similarly studies focussing on specific types of medicines (e.g., antibiotics, analgesics, and antiepileptic drugs) are welcomed.





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