Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

A Special Issue on how issues of substance use and addiction relate to global HIV prevention, care, and treatment is being organized in the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health. For detailed information on the journal, I refer you to https://www.mdpi.com/journal/ijerph.

With over 35 million deaths in persons with HIV disease in the past four decades, HIV/AIDS is a defining pandemic of our era. It has highlighted vulnerable populations by age, sexual preference, drug use patterns, and social and gender–power relations, among others. Health systems and policies that are more robust in reducing disease transmission and death can be contrasted with those that are marginal or otherwise limiting. In this Special Issue of IJERPH, the problem of HIV prevention and control is seen through the prism of persons who use and abuse drugs. We seek papers that articulate the drug use–HIV risk syndemic from all aspects of pandemic control. We welcome diverse perspectives from public health, primary, secondary, and tertiary health care with policy, research, community, and implementation science perspectives.

Deadline for manuscript submissions:
31 May 2022
Addressing the environmental and public health challenges requires engagement and collaboration among clinicians and public health researchers. Discovery and advances in this research field play a critical role in providing a scientific basis for decision-making toward control and prevention of human diseases, especially the illnesses that are induced from environmental exposure to health hazards. *IJERPH* provides a forum for discussion of discoveries and knowledge in these multidisciplinary fields. Please consider publishing your research in this high quality, peer-reviewed, open access journal.