



## Healthy Lifestyle: Health Promotion and Prevention

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

The World Health Organization (WHO) defines health promotion as “the process that allows people to increase control over their health”. This includes not only actions aimed at increasing people’s abilities and capacities but also those aimed at modifying social, environmental, and economic aspects that have an impact on health determinants.

Likewise, the WHO defines disease prevention as those “measures designed not only to prevent the onset of the disease, such as reducing risk factors, but also to stop its advance and mitigate its consequences once established”. Therefore, all those actions and procedures aimed at helping the population to improve their living conditions and enjoy a healthy life would be included here.

Therefore, it is not surprising that health professionals are the ones who guide and carry out actions aimed at promoting health and preventing health issues. The most recent research shows how strategic planning allows these professionals to be more efficient and have a relevant impact on the quality of life in the general population.





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