



Current Challenges in the Study and Prevention of Sexual Aggression in Youth

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Message from the Guest Editors

Youth Sexual Aggression and Victimization (YSAV) is an international public health problem that can cause significantly negative effects on the well-being of victims and perpetrators. Prevalence data, although they do not coincide according to different studies, are alarming: the lack of consensus may be due to both how this topic is defined and how it is evaluated; therefore, it would be desirable to move towards a greater agreement on the definition of YSAV and its evaluation.

Another important challenge lies in developing broad and holistic explanatory models that, from an ecological perspective, take into account different key protective and risk factors for YSAV. These models, which must incorporate different levels of influence (from individual to social ones), seem to be essential for the design of effective preventive programs.

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