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Healthcare on Rare Diseases

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Message from the Guest Editors

To date, more than 7000 rare diseases have been described around the world, yet minimum scientific knowledge has been generated for only about 800 of them. The main problems that are faced by patients diagnosed with one of these diseases are chronicity, their degenerative nature, and their high likelihood of causing disabilities.

In many cases, finding an effective treatment is often a very complex process, in which the role of the nursing teams is essential, as they are best equipped to offer the evidencebased quality care patients need in order to guarantee the maintenance and improvement of their quality of life.

The Special Issue intends to highlight the importance of healthcare and the management of rare diseases by providing an update on the available information on this type of diseases, through the description of new cases and the planification of specific guidelines and protocols that will improve clinical practice. The multidisciplinary approach that the world of rare diseases needs must take into account the perspective of all fields of healthcare: medicine, nursing, physiotherapy, podiatry, psychology, etc., all of which shall be welcome in this Special Issue.



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