



## Current Situation and Distribution of Rare Diseases: Challenges, Prevention, Healthcare and Effects

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Rare diseases are one of the most challenging issues for healthcare, prevention and research. Patients and their families are expecting for new treatments and more information about their diseases. Important efforts have been made to develop new therapies for rare diseases but there is still a long way to go.

Information, monitoring and surveillance are relevant issues in the rare diseases field. The national and regional strategies and plans for rare diseases are including registries and other information and monitoring tools to increase the knowledge and rare diseases monitoring. Technical, ethical, codification issues and data protection aspects are now being tackled in many countries.

We encourage the rare diseases researchers, clinicians, epidemiologists and patients organizations to join us in this Special Issue about rare diseases and its challenges.





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