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Palliative Care and Patient Health—Meeting Future Challenges

Message from the Guest Editors

Palliative care has made giant strides over the past 30 years, with inpatient and outpatient programs offering ever more upstream services throughout Europe and North America. In parallel, research is providing direction to improve symptom management and demonstrate the value of early palliative care. However, as a field, palliative care faces multiple financial, administrative, educational, and clinical challenges, which have intensified during the COVID-19 pandemic. Many areas of the world have limited access to palliative care, and even in countries with better services patients with chronic diseases such as renal failure, heart failure, and dementia continue to have limited access. Rigorous data on the benefits of advance care planning as well as treatment practices are lacking. This Issue will include qualitative and quantitative research (original articles, critical reviews, research notes, and short communications) on various aspects of palliative care and the challenges it faces throughout the world and in various settings.

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