Special Issue

Addicting Medications: Limited Therapeutics

Message from the Guest Editors

Over the past several decades, addicting medications have become widespread and dangerous health problems within the United States. The opioid crisis, along with other drugs such as marijuana, stimulants, and psychedelics, are permeating and creating negative consequences on the population. Additionally, this rise in use is causing an unprecedented increase in mental health issues, legal issues, exacerbating alreadypresent conditions, and causing other negative health effects, including death. This Special Issue will demonstrate how these drugs affect people negatively and their lack of efficacy, containing emerging research on how to help patients suffering from addiction diseases, the science of addiction itself, and the possibility that psychedelics are the next type of proposed medication leading to adverse public health consequences. The goal of this Issue is to showcase the negative effects that opioids, marijuana, stimulants, and psychedelics have on peoples' health and on society due to addiction.

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