

Special Issue

Opioid Use, Pain Management, and Public Health

Message from the Guest Editor

During the early lockdown phases of COVID-19, people found it challenging to manage pain because they feared contracting the virus from receiving healthcare support. Sadly, people who suffer from chronic pain sometimes run out of medications such as opioids; they are stressed and face various physical and psychological complications resulting from inadequate pain relief and withdrawal syndromes. Therefore, physicians implemented alternative arrangements (such as telemedicine) for prescribing opioids and other restricted medications for chronic pain management later in the pandemic era. In addition, people that contract the SARS-CoV-2 virus sometimes face inflammatory pain syndromes. Apart from COVID-19, people were stressed due to insecure jobs, losses in business, losses of relatives or family members, and many other reasons, and all of these can affect the acceleration of chronic pain conditions such as arthritis and other inflammatory and neuropathic pain. This Special Issue is seeking articles (original research, narratives, and systematic reviews) focusing on proper chronic pain management, particularly on ensuring public health.

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