# **Special Issue**

# Patient Safety, Worker Health and Behavior

# Message from the Guest Editors

The identification of factors associated with patient safety has been an issue of research in several studies. The focus on worker health has been an investigated association that indicates that fatigued workers can more easily make mistakes in healthcare. This association, at times, can also compromise safety culture, since if the worker does not find a healthy and favorable environment to report incidents, the necessary changes in the work processes in health services become impaired. Another factor to be highlighted is health behavior. Several theories can be used to explain behavior, and one of them is the theory of planned behavior, which can be an important element when it comes to adherence to patient safety protocols by workers. In this sense, this Special Issue of IJERPH is a proposal to disseminate research results that have analyzed these constructs, associated or not, but that impact in some way the work and health of people.

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