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### Mental Health in Sport Injury and Rehabilitation: Intersecting Public Health Concerns

Message from the Guest Editors

Mental health and sport injury are areas of substantial—and intersecting—areas of public health concern in the 21st century. Mental health overlaps with other key areas of athlete functioning. Indeed, mental health is also directly relevant to the common and debilitating problem of sport injury, as psychological factors are associated with the occurrence of, responses to, recovery from, and return-to-play after injury among athletes. Identification of mental health antecedents of sport injury has important implications for prevention. Similarly, understanding interrelationships among mental health and recovery processes and outcomes can inform the development of holistic rehabilitation strategies that contribute to the physical and psychological well-being of athletes after injury.

The goal of this Special Issue of IJERPH is to assemble a collection of articles elucidating the role of mental health factors as prospective causes, concomitants, and consequences of sport injury phenomena. Original research manuscripts, reviews, and case reports are invited to be considered for potential inclusion in the Special Issue.

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