Special Issue

Public Health Perspectives on Physical Exercise for Adults and Older People

Message from the Guest Editors

Physical exercise benefits extend beyond sports performance, playing a vital role in public health by improving musculoskeletal and cardiorespiratory function, especially in adults and older individuals, whose functions naturally decline with age. Environmental factors like extreme temperatures also affect physical performance, highlighting the need for tailored exercise strategies. As preventive healthcare gains importance, exercise proves to be a key strategy for mitigating aging-related decline. This Special Issue explores the physiological and biomechanical adaptations to exercise and their long-term impact on musculoskeletal and cardiorespiratory health in both young and older adults, with the goal of informing public health policies to enhance the accessibility and effectiveness of exercise interventions. Topics of interest may include musculoskeletal and cardiorespiratory adaptations throughout aging, and the influence of environmental conditions. We encourage studies that address these topics within a public health framework, aiming to provide evidence for policy development and implementation.

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