

## Special Issue

# COVID-19, Healthcare Quality, Patient Safety and Quality of Life

### Message from the Guest Editor

Patient safety and a good quality of care are considered to be a right for all patients and the responsibility of all staff within hospitals (Zineldin, 2006). They are all related to quality of life. Human error is almost unavoidable, even for the most experienced, trained and qualified physicians and other healthcare providers. Medical errors (MEs) are one of the leading causes of death and injury in many countries. Many studies have found that poor medical care or even the rude treatment of patients by providers dissatisfies patients, discourages them from seeking care and returning for services, and prompts them to switch physicians. In addition, the healthcare system (HCS) is facing the challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic and crisis. To respond to the crisis, the HCS had to instantly reorganize, with little time to reflect on the roles to assign to patient safety (PS) and quality improvement (QI). This Special Issue reflects an effort to capture current developments in the patient safety, healthcare quality and overall quality of life fields, and to provide a forum for cutting-edge contributions to the literature.

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