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Psychological Health of Children with Mentally III Parents: Basics-Models-Transmissions-Interventions-Implementation-Health Care

Message from the Guest Editors

Children of parents with mental health problems are at a high risk of developing a mental illness themselves. Research on the mechanisms of the cross-generational transmission of mental illness has increased considerably during the last 30 years. However, even though the public and scientific community have become more sensitized to this topic, these children can still be a forgotten, at-risk population—and a population of which little is known. The current Special Issue sheds light on the mechanisms of the crossgenerational transmission of mental illness based on epidemiological findings and statistical models of transmission. Evidence-based interventions that have become well established internationally are presented together with online tools that have been developed on this basis. Eventually, the specific challenges of implementing effective interventions in general medical care will be discussed. We hope that this Special Issue will disseminate the current state of research and helps to produce effective and accurate support for the children of parents with mental illnesses in the future.

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