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Message from the Guest Editors

Eating habits, an appropriate level of physical activity, and the avoidance of stimulants and risky behavior are values determined by parents and educators. Nevertheless, it is noted that children, adolescents, and young adults often have unhealthy lifestyles. There are various reasons for such behavior: the influence of peers, problems at home or school, or a change in the environment. It is worth identifying factors that can promote a healthy lifestyle in children, adolescents, and young adults, as this has positive consequences in later years. Health behaviours in youths continue into adult life. Establishing healthy behaviors to prevent disease is easier and more effective during childhood and adolescence than trying to change unhealthy behaviors during adulthood.

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