

## Special Issue

# Infection Prevention and Control in Health Care

### Message from the Guest Editors

Healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) are a serious public health problem worldwide. According to the Directorate General of the World Health Organization (WHO), the impact of healthcare-associated infections and antimicrobial resistance on people's lives is incalculable. More than 24% of patients affected by healthcare-associated sepsis and 52.3% of patients treated in an Intensive Care Unit die each year. Deaths increase two- to three-fold when infections are resistant to antimicrobials. Globally, the COVID-19 pandemic has exposed challenges and gaps in infection prevention and control, including in countries that have more advanced programs. The pandemic expanded the opportunities for action to be taken regarding safety, efficiency, and quality, in addition to strengthening programs in health systems. The challenge remains to secure the necessary human resources, supplies, and infrastructure. HAIs also contribute negatively to increases in the length of stay of patients in hospital and increased morbidity and mortality rates, thus impacting costs. This Special Issue focuses on the current state of knowledge on the problem of healthcare-associated infections (HAIs).

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