

Special Issue

Active Living: The Causes and Consequences of an Inactivity Pandemic

Message from the Guest Editors

Dear colleagues, Our society has reached a pinnacle in physically inactive behavior, affecting all age groups and people at all socio-economic levels. An inactive lifestyle contributes to increasing health issues, decreased participation in society, work disability and social isolation. Given the mostly advantageous values attached to physical activity and its role in improving inactive lifestyles, it is extremely important to study what motivates people to start, continue and stop having an active lifestyle. In this Special Issue, the causes and consequences of an inactive lifestyle are highlighted (e.g., not doing sports or not being active in daily life) among all groups in society: from children to the elderly, people with and without a migrant background, people with and without disabilities, people with different educational levels, people who just entered the labor market, young parents, etc. The (in)activity of those groups can be studied with a quantitative or qualitative approach, using a micro-, meso- or macro-perspectives. Papers addressing these, as well as related topics, are invited to contribute to this Special Issue.

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