

Special Issue

Quality of Life of Children Born with Anomalies and Their Families

Message from the Guest Editors

Congenital anomalies, which refers to structural or functional anomalies which take place during intrauterine life, affect an estimated 5–6% of babies. They can range from very mild to severe. A surviving child's condition may affect the way they develop, function and look—in some cases, for the rest of their lives. Becoming a parent to a sick newborn with possible long-term healthcare needs is associated with elevated stress levels. The caregiver's response to their child's needs is an essential factor contributing to the child's psychological development and health. This creates the need for a good healthcare system, school and society which can respond to their needs and promote a good quality of life. This Special Issue warmly welcomes all articles aiming to increase our understanding of QOL/HRQOL in children and adolescents with congenital malformations, including structural or functional anomalies which are rare and more frequent. The study may have a methodological, clinical, prognostic, observational, comparative, or qualitative design, or any other focus. We would be glad to receive research from different parts of the world.

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