

Special Issue

Health Literacy and Communicable Diseases

Message from the Guest Editors

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the amount of health information available on the internet was amplified. Within this context, health literacy is more important than ever, in order for individuals to navigate these information environments and use health information to inform their behavior. Reliable and trustworthy information is key for people to understand recommendations and know what to do to protect themselves and others. The risk of being infected is dependent on other people's behavior, such as their adherence to the precautionary procedures and national measures. In addition, COVID-19 vaccination campaigns have certainly suffered from the influence of inadequate health literacy, even though its real impact is yet to be quantified. For this reason, there is a strong need to foster research in the field of health literacy, health information, and digital health. Original research articles and reviews addressing these topics are invited for this Special Issue.

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