Special Issue

One Size Does Not Fit All: New Strategies to Improve Overall Health and Physical Activity Behavior in Vulnerable Populations

Message from the Guest Editors

Sedentary behavior increases the risk for several cardiovascular and metabolic diseases. For vulnerable populations (e.g., older adults and chronic diseases), sedentarism has amplified deteriorative effects on several physiological systems. Hence, the scientific literature has been communicating strategies which would make people more active. However, the physical activity strategy should account for a clear outcome. population characteristics, environmental conditions. and participants' preferences. Thus, this challenge remains today, as one size does not fit all. This Special Issue aims to explore the bridge between ongoing physical activity/exercise strategies and therapeutic targets/overall health benefits in vulnerable populations. This Research Topic welcomes review papers and original research regarding the following themes:

- Breaks in the sedentary behavior and exercise promotion in chronic diseases;
- Acute and chronic whole-body exercise and respiratory exercise strategies;
- Environmental effects on cardiorespiratory responses and physical capacity

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