

Special Issue

Substance Use and Behavioral Addictions in Adolescents and Young Adults

Message from the Guest Editors

Substance use among adolescents and young adults is becoming a real emergency, with a considerable impact on their biopsychosocial health. This condition may be comorbid with psychiatric disturbances, triggering their onset or representing a contributor to poorer prognosis. Furthermore, the use of substances is often accompanied by risky behavior and might expose adolescents and young adults to a variety of medical consequences. Some examples of this include cocaine-induced toxic encephalopathy, toluene-related organ dysfunctions in glue sniffers, or the detrimental effects of alcohol and cannabis on the cognitive functioning of heavy abusers. Following the successful release of the Special Issue "Substance Use and New Drug Trends in Adolescents", we hereby propose a second edition, expanding the topic to behavioral addictions (gambling, gaming, pornography, shopping, cryptocurrency investment, etc.), which are becoming more and more frequent among youngsters. In this Special Issue, we invite quantitative, qualitative and/or mixed methods research (original research papers, reviews, case reports, case series). There is no restriction on the length of the papers.

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