

Special Issue

Advancing Youth Mental Health: Innovations, Integration, and Equity

Message from the Guest Editor

Mental health disorders are a leading cause of disability in young people worldwide. Yet, many remain underdiagnosed and undertreated. Integrating and streamlining mental health assessments and interventions into broader health initiatives are essential to addressing these challenges. Optimizing digital technology could significantly enhance the reach and effectiveness of mental health services, particularly in low-resource settings. Addressing comorbidities, such as substance abuse, anxiety, depression, and chronic physical conditions, through integrated care models is crucial to the achievement of holistic health outcomes. Furthermore, social determinants of health—such as socioeconomic status, education, and environmental factors—play a significant role in mental health. Enhancing the equity of access to mental health services is imperative to ensure that marginalized and underserved populations receive adequate care. By advancing adolescent and youth mental health within the global health agenda, this Special Issue aims to highlight the importance of inclusive and comprehensive approaches to mental health prevention, care, and treatment.

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