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Chronic Disease Prevention and Management in Primary Health Care

Message from the Guest Editors

The global burden of chronic disease is increasing rapidly. According to the World Health Organization, by the end of this year, chronic disease will have accounted for 73% of all deaths and 60% of the global burden of disease. Primary Health Care (PHC) is well placed to decrease this burden through the delivery of care that focuses on the prevention and management of risk factors, such as high blood pressure, a high level of cholesterol, and smoking. The defining features of PHC, including continuity, coordination, and comprehensiveness, make it an ideal setting for the prevention and management of the chronic disease. There is a growing realization that care for chronic disease becomes more effective when a multidisciplinary and complementary approach is taken. However, there are several barriers for PHC to overcome in order to function to its full potential, and its strength varies across the globe. For instance, countries that use a proactive PHC system tend to have better health outcomes with minimal cost.

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