

Special Issue

Pediatric Sports Related Injuries: A Multidisciplinary Approach

Message from the Guest Editors

Pediatric sports medicine is a rapidly expanding field driven, in part, by an overall increase in the incidence of sports-related injuries in the pediatric population. The incidence of anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) ruptures, for example, has increased substantially in the last 20 years. Because sports-related injuries may impair multiple aspects of a child's life, pediatric sports medicine requires a multidisciplinary approach including orthopedic surgery, physical therapy, social work, psychology, nutrition and kinesiology. Given that pediatric sports medicine has long been developed based on adult clinical research, there is an urgent need to generate innovative evidence-based research developing specific pediatric sports medicine interventions and management protocols for sports-related injuries. This Special Issue seeks papers on pediatric-sports-related injuries and interventions in diverse research fields such as primary care sports medicine, psychology, nutrition, orthopedic surgery, physical therapy and movement science. It also aims at generating new collaborations amongst pediatric sports medicine healthcare providers, stakeholders, and researchers.

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