Special Issue

Prevention of Mental Health Disorders in Children and Adolescents

Message from the Guest Editors

Mental health disorders in children and adolescents are a major public health issue. These developmental periods are a vulnerable time during which children and adolescents experience many bio-psycho-social changes. Childhood and adolescence are considered as crucial developmental stages during which the first mental health difficulties may emerge. For instance, 15% of children and adolescents are diagnosed with a mental health disorder. In addition, at least 75% of mental health disorders begin by the age of 24. In this issue, an empirical research focus on mental health in childhood and adolescence is welcome. We especially encourage the submission of research on the prevalence of mental health symptoms and disorders, analysis of risk and protective factors, psychological processes, or validation of tools and mental health interventions. We also encourage the submission of health systems and health policy-related manuscripts that focus on issues related to mental health in childhood and adolescence. Finally, we welcome original research papers using different study designs as well as systematic reviews and meta-analyses.

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