

Special Issue

Advancing Safety and Reducing Coercion in Psychiatric Nursing: Evidence, Education, and Innovation

Message from the Guest Editor

Coercive practices and safety remain among the most complex issues in psychiatric care. Across inpatient, community, forensic, and emergency settings, mental health nurses are central to assessing and managing aggression, self-harm, suicide risk, absconding, and behavioral crises. These decisions require nurses to balance patient and staff protection with human rights and recovery-oriented care. The central challenge is how to maintain safety without normalizing coercion or undermining the therapeutic purpose of psychiatric care. This Special Issue focuses on coercive practices and safety in psychiatric settings. It will examine the interventions employed and the clinical, ethical, relational, professional, and organizational processes through which they are selected, justified, implemented, experienced, challenged, and reduced. Areas of interest include the prevalence, determinants, consequences, measurement, and reduction of coercive practices; least-restrictive alternatives, including de-escalation and open-door policies; and the relationships among workplace violence, staff responses, therapeutic relationships, staff well-being, and recourse to coercion.

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