

Special Issue

The Emerging Field of Critical Care Psychiatry: Pharmacologic Treatment from ICU to Post-ICU Recovery

Message from the Guest Editors

Critical care psychiatry is an emerging field focused on the recognition and management of neuropsychiatric syndromes that occur during and after critical illness. Patients in the ICU (intensive care unit) are at high risk for developing conditions such as delirium, insomnia, depressive episodes, anxiety, and trauma-related disorders—yet psychiatric care in this setting remains fragmented and underdeveloped.

This Special Issue of *Pharmaceuticals* seeks to advance the field by highlighting pharmacologic strategies for managing acute and post-ICU psychiatric disorders and syndromes. We welcome original research, reviews, and case reports examining the use of pharmacologic agents to manage delirium, sleep disturbances, depression, anxiety, and trauma-related conditions in ICU patients and subsequent sequelae in survivors. Submissions that address both inpatient and outpatient care across the critical illness continuum are encouraged. We especially invite interdisciplinary contributions from psychiatry, critical care, pharmacy, internal medicine, geriatrics, and other specialties routinely involved in the acute and post-acute critical care of neuropsychiatric conditions.

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