Special Issue

Spirituality and Existential Issues in Health

Message from the Guest Editors

The specific scope of this Special Issue is to grasp a deeper understanding of the spiritual and/or existential issues that are linked to health and health care. We invite papers which look into the following areas:

Experiences of patients: How do people in care experience the care provided? Are their spiritual/existential needs for care met?

Care providers: How do care providers experience their competence in spiritual/existential care? What does spiritually/existentially competent care look like? What are the best practices or unmet needs?

Educational perspectives: What kind of education is being provided and developed? Are there elements in education that are still neglected in the field of spiritual/existential care?

Policy making: How should and could care system(s) be enhanced?

Articles that reflect on the themes addressed by this Special Issue through various theoretical, methodological, and empirical approaches are welcomed. The call is open to research from any discipline, including multidisciplinary approaches.

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