

## Special Issue

# Systems Thinking and Healthcare Communities: A Community Approach to Transforming Healthcare

### Message from the Guest Editors

The healthcare sector is increasingly grappling with complexity arising from evolving patient needs, rapid technological advancements, intricate organizational structures, and a complex regulatory environment. This Special Issue of *Systems* aims to explore how systems thinking can profoundly support the challenging process of transforming healthcare to achieve better outcomes. By conceptualizing healthcare as an interconnected system of patients, providers, technologies, policies, and communities, systems thinking enables stakeholders to identify patterns, anticipate unintended consequences, and design integrated strategies that improve health outcomes. This approach emphasizes the role of healthcare communities—comprising all individuals and organizations involved in health promotion and service delivery within a specific population or region—in fostering collaborative and efficient healthcare delivery. By advancing the understanding of how systems thinking can drive sustainable innovation and efficiency in healthcare through community strategies, this Special Issue seeks to enrich the critical discourse on transforming healthcare systems.

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