



Antimicrobial Use in Pediatrics

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Message from the Guest Editor

Antimicrobials are the most commonly prescribed medicine in paediatrics, but between 20 to 50% of these prescriptions have been demonstrated to be potentially unnecessary or inappropriate. This unnecessary exposure increases the risk of severe side effects, raises healthcare costs, and contributes significantly to the global

On the other hand, there is a need to focus on the best dosing strategy for the already available antimicrobials to improve overall outcomes in children and neonates. Understanding pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic principles allows the selection of the ideal dosing regimen to eradicate the infection, reduce toxicity, and reduce the development of bacterial resistance.

This process is even more complex in neonates and children. Moreover, further variations in the pharmacokinetics of predominantly hydrophilic antimicrobials occur in critically ill neonates and children.

This Special Issue proposes to explore how to improve the use of antimicrobials in paediatrics, encouraging papers on antimicrobial stewardship programs or strategies to optimise antimicrobial administration and dosing in clinical practice in children and neonates.





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Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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