



Direct and Indirect Effects of the Ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic on Physical and Mental Health

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In 2020 national healthcare systems were seriously challenged. The short-term, health-related consequences of the pandemic include increased mortality, physical and mental health issues, reduced access to medical care, challenges to hospital capacity and practices, and a need for new and radical practices for preventing the spread of the disease. However, increasing concern has been raised about the long-term health consequences.

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