



Health and Risk Behaviors in Adolescents and Youths

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

The behavioral patterns established during adolescence and youth determine not only these young people's current health status, but also their risk of developing chronic diseases during adulthood. As evidenced in the extant literature, many behaviors that can affect health and well-being later in life start or peak during these younger years. Therefore, more research is needed to further our understanding of these young people's behavioral health issues, be it persisting risk behaviors or emerging new problems, so as to help promote positive health behaviors and decrease preventable risk behaviors.

With that in mind, this Special Issue welcomes submissions addressing any types of health/risk behaviors in this young population. Examples include, but are not limited to: alcohol, marijuana, and other drug use; driving under the influence; smoking prevention/cessation; tobacco control; e-cigarette/IQOS use; bullying; intimate partner violence; date rape; sexual risk behavior; HIV/AIDS/STI prevention; physical activity/inactivity; healthy/unhealthy diet; disordered eating behavior; body image; gambling; Internet/smartphone addiction.





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