Community Mental Health

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Message from the Guest Editor

Community mental health has historically been associated with the deinstitutionalization of mental health treatment and recovery of people with severe and persistent mental illness, which has taken place to a lesser or greater extent internationally over the last ~60 years. This process has been based on the notion of community integration, which continues to be a challenge for mental health systems, particularly as services face inadequate resourcing, operate within outdated legal and regulatory frameworks, and the experience overreliance on the biomedical model (WHO, 2021). To that end, care typically neglects the full range of social determinants that impact people's mental health and is not successful in achieving community integration, resulting in inadequate care and hindering the recovery process.

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