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Dementia Care in the 21st Century

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Message from the Guest Editor

Approximately 50 million people are currently living with dementia in the world. This number is expected to triple in the next three decades. Affecting countries of all income levels, dementia is now ranked as the 5th leading cause of death. It also represents a major cause of morbidity, disability and dependency for older adults. Dementia is a complex issue. Its impact is vast, spanning from individuals to family members and society at large, affecting us physically, psychologically, socially and economically. Persons with dementia and their caregivers constitute a vulnerable population with a unique set of challenges. To date, there is still no cure for the condition. As such, improving care to this population, from prevention to treatment and from living to coping with dementia, are of utmost importance. Given the rapidly growing number of affected individuals, understanding the current situation and devising strategies for the future must be prioritized.

This Special Issue aims to address the present and future state of affairs in dementia care globally and to highlight recent advances and innovative approaches to tackle this worldwide issue.







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