



## Mental Health Disorders and Healthcare after Potentially Traumatic Events

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### Message from the Guest Editor

The COVID-19 pandemic has encouraged research regarding trauma and mental health; nevertheless, the pandemic highlights that research on mental health and healthcare after trauma is limited.

Firstly, many studies have been published on the prevalence of mental health disorders during the pandemic, but it is also important to conduct research on other mass traumatic events or interpersonal traumatic events. Secondly, publications have highlighted the lack of studies concerning the feasibility and efficacy of interventions in mental healthcare after a traumatic event. Thus, it is necessary to gather more information regarding the means and tools which can help us prevent mental health disorders from occurring and increase the chances of recovery. Thirdly, while this crisis has revealed and deepened social inequalities in mental health and mental healthcare utilization, it has also revealed a lack of indicators to investigate and explain these social disparities. Therefore, in order to prevent mental health disorders after trauma, it is necessary to identify which social groups are more at risk of developing or presenting disorders.





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