



The Use of Physical Restraints in Clinical Practice

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Dear Colleagues,

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This Special Issue welcomes research papers on various aspects of physical restraint use in different healthcare settings, including individual, staff, and organizational factors contributing to their use, the role of knowledge and attitude of healthcare professionals, the decision-making process, interventions supporting physical restraint reduction, alternative strategies, and the perspectives of patients, family, and/or informal caregivers. We especially encourage the submission of interdisciplinary work and multi-center research. We welcome original research papers using different study designs, both quantitative and qualitative, as well as systematic reviews and meta-analyses.





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