



Sexual Abuse, Sexual Behavior and Victimization in Adolescence and Youth

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Message from the Guest Editors

Sexual abuse, sexual behaviors and victimization of children and adolescents have negative consequences that affect physical and/or psychological health throughout life. Some of the negative effects of this type of violence are deaths, serious injuries, developmental and neuropsychological disorders, serious behavior problems, higher prevalence of psychological disorders (depression, anxiety, stress, etc.) risky sexual behaviors, pregnancies unwanted, sexually transmitted infections, increased risk of cardiovascular diseases in adulthood and diseases such as diabetes and/or hypertension, and finally it has also been associated with negative consequences at a social level such as dropping out of studies, greater difficulty in finding and keep a job etc. Regarding risk factors, these can be framed at the individual level, interpersonal, social and cultural. Research is fundamental both to know the factors, consequences and to create strategies, prevention and treatment programs against child sexual abuse, sexual behavior and victimization of children and adolescents.





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