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## Extending the Focus on Sleep Health as Well as Sleep Disorders

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Sleep plays an important role in good health and wellbeing. Sleep is involved in a number of vital functions including energy conservation, tissue restoration, memory consolidation, brain waste clearance, and regulation of immune responses. Disruption in sleep has been associated with long-term health consequences, such as hypertension, cardiovascular diseases, obesity, diabetes mellitus, cancer, dementia and mortality. Sleep disorders refers to medical conditions that disturbs the duration, timing, and quality of sleep. Insomnia, sleep-related breathing disorders, hypersomnia, circadian sleep-wake disorders, parasomnias, sleep-related movement disorders are major sleep disorders. The effect of sleep disorders on public health has been studied with various technologies of sleep research including epidemiology, clinical, and basic science. In addition, the so-called sleep industry is growing through industry-academic cooperation in recent years.

This special issue of *IJERPH* focuses on the latest knowledge on the links between sleep disorders and human health. Research on new techniques for sleep disorders is also welcome.



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