



## Body Image, Disordered Eating and Mental Health in Adolescence

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Eating pathology and depressive symptoms increase during adolescence, yet predictive pathways remain predominantly unexplored, despite their implications for prevention. Body dissatisfaction amongst children and young people is a serious global concern in its own right, but is also a risk factor for later depression and disordered eating, both of which are major public health issues.

Globally, 20% of children and adolescents are diagnosed with a mental health condition, and young people's mental health is an increasing concern in light of the Covid-19 pandemic. It is also likely that social conditions since the pandemic have exacerbated eating disorders, with increased restricting and binge-eating behavior reported in the general population. Qualitative work reports that lockdown measures have increased feelings of anxiety and led to an increase in disordered eating symptoms.

This Special Issue of the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health (IJERPH) will focus on research that considers the complex relationships between body image, disordered eating and mental health in adolescents.





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## Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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