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### Message from the Collection Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Never before has interest in infectious diseases reached such a high level as today. The particular historical period we are experiencing has placed before us the power that viruses and bacteria can have over the health of the population. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), the diseases hitherto identified as being at epidemic risk are only warning signs of a new era of potentially rapidly spreading epidemics that will put the national health systems of most of the countries of the world in serious crisis.

It is easy to understand how all this can influence not only health, but also the economy. It becomes very important to be able to identify, using the new knowledge at our disposal, tools of interest in terms of global health, specifically regarding infectious diseases. However, infections represent a problem and a considerable cost even at the lowest level, such as that of individual hospitals. Being able to manage and limit them therefore becomes of strategic interest for hospital management.





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