



Primary Mental Health Care

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

We invite you to contribute a manuscript to a Special Issue focusing on primary mental health care.

Mental disorders are among the top two contributors to global burden of disease as measured in years lived with disability, affecting more than 125 million people worldwide in 2019. Primary mental health services that are universally accessible, effective, efficient and of high quality have the potential to help address this public health problem. However, a substantial portion of people with mental health problems do not access treatment – some by choice and others due to various access barriers – and others do not attain the desired benefits of the treatment they receive. Among those who seek treatment, most do so in a primary care setting in which general practitioners are often the first point of contact. Primary mental health care involves psychological interventions, pharmacotherapy, referrals and follow-up care to treat or prevent mental disorders. It also includes suicide prevention services for at-risk individuals and their families. Primary mental health care services can be delivered face to face or via other modes of communication.





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