



Approaches for Preventing Illness and Injury for Individuals with Disabilities and Their Caregivers

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Many individuals suffer from injuries or illnesses that are largely preventable. Some have their lives turned upside down suddenly, as in the case of an individual sustaining a concussion following a fall resulting from a slip in icy weather or a trip on an uneven sidewalk. Similarly, an unpaid caregiver can be thrown into a stressful new role when a spouse comes home after surviving a stroke and a slew of new challenging tasks must be managed. For other individuals, inactivity resulting from the poor accessibility of their environments can spark a slow but steady downward spiral in health. There is a strong need for more research on approaches for preventing these injuries and illnesses – particularly for individuals with disabilities and their caregivers, who are likely to experience the greatest negative impacts from these conditions. Papers addressing these and other related topics are invited for this Special Issue—especially those that focus on the development and evaluation of methods to reduce the risk of preventable injuries and illnesses for vulnerable populations.





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