



Hospital and Primary Care-Presenting Self-Harm: Incidence, Management and Outcomes

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Message from the Guest Editors

In 2014, the World Health Organization (WHO) called for suicide prevention to be a global imperative. The WHO highlighted the need to consider both fatal and nonfatal suicidal behaviour and subsequently provided resources to support the establishing and maintaining of surveillance systems for suicide attempts and self-harm. Self-harm is a strong predictor of further suicide-related outcomes. Although suicide prevention policies should be informed by “real time data” based on patients’ records, there is a lack of studies reporting on the incidence of self-harm presenting in hospital and primary care settings, the management of such cases and subsequent outcomes. This Special Issue aims to establish the extent of hospital and primary care self-harm attendances, the profile of those reaching health care services for self-harm, the incidence of self-harm and the treatment or intervention outcomes related to hospital and primary care self-harm presentations. Self-harm and suicide attempts will be used interchangeably in the current issue, as these are the most common terms used internationally.





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