



Advances in Digital Health and the Implications for Health and Wellbeing in the Time of COVID-19

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Digital health has the potential to play a role in the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and management of physical and mental health conditions. As a result of the pandemic, the willingness of both users and providers to use digital health increased, and changes occurred in associated regulations. Digital health offered a ‘bridge to care’, playing a role in the management of the challenges presented by COVID-19, minimizing the risk of transmission through direct physical contact, and providing continuous care in the community.

In this Special Issue, we consider the progress of telehealth since the initial COVID-19 spike alongside the implications for digital health and virtual health going forward. Research in this area might include advanced technical developments, trials of novel solutions, meta-analyses, digital interventions, and innovative technologies (such as virtual reality and augmented reality). Papers may also consider the application of these methods and technologies in particular groups, including populations with long-term conditions, deprived communities, children, and older people.





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