



The Second Victim Phenomenon: Implications and Solutions to Support Health Worker Safety

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Message from the Guest Editors

Healthcare is associated with a relevant risk that may lead to avoidable harm of patients and their next of kin, the so-called first victims who should be supported best to cope with this situation. However, healthcare providers may also be harmed due to this event, needing support to move on.

Second victim traumatization is clearly a common work-related trauma for healthcare workers, urging occupational medicine to foster knowledge about this phenomenon and development and implementation of evidence-based support programs to be available for all healthcare workers if needed. While somatic health worker safety has led to enormous improvement for health worker safety, it is now time to build up and distribute psychological PPE.

Papers adding relevant knowledge to all aspects of the second victim phenomenon are invited to this Special Issue.





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