



## The Diagnosis and Treatment of Spinal Infections—Series 2

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### Message from the Guest Editor

At present, spinal infections are a growing problem. The aging of the population, intravenous drug use, immunosuppressive conditions, multiple and complex comorbidities, and increase in the use of invasive spinal and other medical procedures over many decades has contributed to an increase in the number of spinal infections.

In the surgical treatment of spinal infections, the use of instrumentations within the infected area of the spine has been increasingly discussed. Despite concerns regarding the presence of foreign material at the infection site, many surgeons have suggested the use of instrumentation for spinal reconstruction or stability. There is no consensus about which treatment method is superior. Despite such debates, implants placed in active infections have been shown to be safe and efficacious in clinical studies.

This Special Issue on spinal infections seeks to find solutions to many unanswered questions that plague clinicians. Therefore, this Special Issue will provide a comprehensive focus on spinal infections, exploring current trends in the identification, epidemiology, diagnosis, treatment, outcomes, and complications of spinal infections.





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