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Obesity in Childhood and Adolescence—Whose Responsibility?

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

No one doubts the economic costs of obesity, but there is disagreement around whether fatness is considered a disease or a behavioral risk factor similar to smoking, alcohol, and substance abuse that may lead to a disease. Although recent competencies for medical training do recommend chronic disease models and personalized obesity management care plans, there is no mention of individual or family responsibility. Here, it is clear that nutrition in pregnancy, early life experiences, parental involvement, and public health education are significant. This Special Issue will cover the multidisciplinary approach to the prevention management of childhood obesity. Among the topics to be addressed are.

Optimal nutrition during pregnancy

Role of infant diet and the microbiome

Education of parents on how best to feed their children

Lifestyle education programs in kindergartens and schools

The potential genetics of obesity

The role of exercise in preventing obesity

Obesity treatment and the development of eating disorders

The role of the social media in dealing with obesity and body shaming



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