



Medication Wastage

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Message from the Guest Editors

The scope of this Special Issue is to consider medication wastage, not only as the stockpiling, by patients, of unused medication which will eventually expire, but also as a problem which goes beyond simply stockpiling. The issue of medication wastage pertains, not only to patients within households, but can even be prompted by healthcare professionals and is encountered in many settings, including community and hospital pharmacies, doctor clinics, as well as hospital wards, amongst others. Therefore, medication wastage should not be considered a problem of the individual, but should be regarded as an issue which effects the healthcare system and society as a whole. The repercussions of medication wastage are multiple and can include financial, environmental, and safety issues. Medication wastage reduction approaches should be adopted whenever possible to ensure sustainability of important but limited resources. However, such approaches face multiple challenges, and at times could be counterproductive if not thought out adequately.





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