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Message from the Guest Editors

Current levels of physical activity during childhood and adulthood are insufficient to maintain good health, so much so that physical inactivity is recognised as the fourth leading cause of global mortality. Furthermore, the prevalence of obesity- and inactivity-related health conditions, such as type II diabetes mellitus is increasing among youth populations. Physical inactivity during childhood is of particular interest as participation in physical activity during childhood can provide a number of physical, social and psychological benefits, and patterns of physical activity and healthy lifestyles acquired during childhood and adolescence are more likely to be maintained throughout the life-span.

The aim of this Special Issue is to increase understanding of the associations between physical activity and health in youth with special consideration to the contributions made by different environments and organisations to physical activity participation. It is hoped that the sharing of knowledge may inform policy and practice to provide greater opportunities for children and adolescents to be physically active, which will benefit their health and life chances.



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