Topical Collection

Health Behaviors, Risk Factors, NCDs and Health Promotion

Message from the Collection Editor

As clearly shown in the literature and remarked by international organizations, Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs) account for 70 to more than 90% of deaths in almost any country in the world, and, even more, for years of living with disability. As pointed out in the recent report "TIME TO DELIVER" of the WHO Independent High-Level Commission on Noncommunicable Diseases, action is needed at all levels to increase global health and avoid premature mortality. Much undergoing research is studying the relationship between risk factors at individual and community level and NCDs, as well as trying to identify "what works" in reducing the risk factors' prevalence. Smoking, physical inactivity, unhealthy diet, and alcohol are the main areas of action and study, together with some other more specific fields. This Topical Collection is open to the subject area of health behaviors, risk factors, and NCDs, with a specific interest in the analysis of public health actions and health promotion programs.

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