Title of the Thematic Issue: “Emotional health in people with chronic diseases: the impact on the management of the illness”

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- **Scope of the Thematic Issue:**
  This Special issue would address several aspects regarding emotional health, health-related quality of life (HRQoL) and the management of the illness in people with chronic diseases:
  - Effects of treatments for chronic diseases on HRQoL
  - HRQoL and coping strategies in palliative care
  - Psychosocial determinants of HRQoL
  - Mood disorders and survival rates
  - The impact of comorbid severe mental illness
  - Suicide
  - Healthy lifestyles
  - The impact of COVID-19 pandemic in the management of chronic diseases
  - Caregiver’s wellbeing and quality of life
  - Integration of health services in the management of chronic diseases

**Information about the specific area**
Worldwide, the prevalence rates of mortality due to chronic diseases, such as cardiovascular, stroke, cancer, diabetes, obesity, autoimmune, rheumatic diseases, multiple sclerosis, showing decreasing trends. However, other factors such as ageing and the overall high prevalence rates of chronic diseases show the necessity to promote healthy-oriented interventions, to improve health-related quality of life (HRQoL), emotional wellbeing and to prevent the risk factors for these disorders.
Depressive and anxiety disorders are very common in chronic diseases. Overall, comparing samples of people with and without chronic diseases, depressive and anxiety disorders are significantly more frequent in people with chronic diseases, and this have a negative impact on their emotional health and the already compromised quality of life, as well as on the management of the illness, also in terms of caregivers’ burden.
It is notable the vicious circles of mutual influences between all these chronic disorders, because each of them could play a role as risk factor for the others. It is known, for example, that obesity is very common, its incidence is worldwide growing up, and it is one of the most common risk factors for many diseases such as diabetes and cardiovascular. In the same time, depressive and anxiety disorders are often associated with obesity, diabetes and with cardiovascular diseases too, even when controlling for the other risk factors. On the other and, lifestyles, such as healthy diet, could play an important role for a good management of chronic diseases.
Finally, a poor emotional health could make worse the clinical prognosis of chronic diseases, also in term of mortality rates (i.e.: rates of suicide), and the management of both conditions usually requires high health costs (i.e.: medications; days of hospitalization; number/kind of health workers involved; family burden; etc…).
From this perspective, emotional health in people with chronic diseases opens to new challenges in the public health field.

**Keywords:** HRQoL, management, psychosocial determinants, rheumatic diseases, cardiovascular disease, obesity

**Sub-topics:**
The sub-topics to be covered within the issue should be provided:
  - Emotional health and HRQoL in people with chronic diseases
  - Psychiatric and psychosocial implications in chronic diseases’ management
  - Healthy lifestyles in people with chronic diseases

**Tentative titles of the articles:**
  - An Overview of the International Literature on the Emotional Health in People with Chronic Diseases: Impact on the Management of the illness
  - The effects of Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors (TKIs) in monotherapy and with add-on treatments on Health-related Quality of Life of People with Chronic Myeloid Leukemia: a systematic review of Randomized-Controlled Trials.
  - Systematic review and meta-analysis of Health-Related Quality of Life in patients with β-Thalassemia underwent hematopoietic stem cell transplantation.
  - Quality of life in palliative care: a systematic meta-review of reviews and meta-analyses.
- Cancer and Suicide: a systematic review.
- The risk and the course of cancer in people with severe mental illness.
- Between Pandemic and Restrictions: Psychological Aspects of Hospitalised Cancer Patients
- Depression and survival rate in people with several kinds of cancer
- Diet and antineoplastic treatment during the different phases of cancer disease
- Cancer’s Caregiver Quality of Life: Meta-Analysis
- Satisfaction with cares, socio-demographic and oncological variables as determinants of QoL among people with cancer.
- It’s a Team Sport: The Integration of Psychological Services in Digestive Disease Settings
- Endometriosis and quality of life

**Schedule:**

**Proposed date of the first submission of the articles:** July 2022.

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