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## Promiscuous Sexual Behaviors in Early Adolescence: Understanding the Psychological Implications

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

This Special Issue aims to explore the multifaceted nature of promiscuous sexual behaviors in early adolescence and the potential psychological implications. We seek contributions that address a wide range of topics related to this theme, including but not limited to: factors influencing early engagement in promiscuity, such as individual characteristics, peer dynamics, family environment, media exposure, and societal influences; associations between promiscuous sexual behaviors and psychopathological symptoms, including depression, anxiety, substance abuse, low self-esteem, identity confusion, and attachment difficulties; gender differences and variations in the psychological consequences of promiscuity; the exploration of protective factors and resilience among adolescents engaging in promiscuous sexual behaviors; and the examination of interventions, prevention strategies, and educational approaches aimed at promoting healthy sexual development and reducing the psychological risks associated with promiscuity.

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