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Diagnosis, Treatment and Prognosis of Psychosis Spectrum Disorder in Children and Adolescents

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

There is an increase in the prevalence of psychotic disorders during adolescence. Clinical presentations in this age group are often complex with significant overlap between psychosis, and affective and prodromal symptomatology. At the same time, as children are undergoing major developmental changes including identity formation and developing peer and social relationships, they often present with externalizing behaviors leading to the co-diagnosis of mood/emotional dysregulation disorders, attention deficit disorders, and oppositional defiant/conduct disorder. Furthermore, the initial period after diagnosis of a psychotic disorder often carries an increased risk of treatment disengagement, relapse, and suicide. Early identification of psychotic disorders and comorbidities helps reduce the duration of untreated psychosis thereby improving treatment outcomes and long-term prognosis.

In this Special Issue, we invite articles focused on the diagnosis and treatment of psychosis in children and adolescents and the impact of clinical interventions on long-term prognosis in this population.

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