



## Challenges and Future Trends of Emergency Medicine Healthcare System

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the fragility of local and hospital emergency medicine healthcare systems. It is necessary to analyze this system and its critical aspects in order to rethink its structure and function. It must be accepted that different types of emergencies may have to be dealt with simultaneously. In this scenario, it will be necessary to design new systems to recognize and treat general acute health situations, as well as those that will become more frequent, such as often-unrecognized geriatric health problems. It will also be vital to establish optimal diagnostic and therapeutic pathways for both acute diseases and rare diseases. Certain categories of fragile patients deserve to have specific attention, for example, HIV patients and patients with mental illnesses and social hardships; these patients must often be urgently treated. All of this will also lead to drastic changes in the methods of teaching healthcare providers, including students, and in the design emergency departments. In these scenarios, reflections on the legal aspects of accessibility to care can serve as interesting starting points.

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