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Intestinal Failure and Home Parenteral Nutrition

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Message from the Guest Editors

Intestinal failure is the latest of the organ failures to benefit from a wider recognition, even though it is still underdiagnosed and therefore undertreated. It can be acute or sub-acute, usually after surgery, but it can also be chronic, and most patients with chronic intestinal failure are ambulatory.

Home parenteral nutrition is the key life-saving treatment of chronic intestinal failure, even though most HPN patients have a preserved intestinal function and should therefore receive another form of nutritional support (i.e., enteral nutrition). HPN is not without complications, and central line-associated bloodstream infections, loss of vascular access, and liver failure, among others, can be life-threatening.

This Special Issue seeks papers related to intestinal failure and home parenteral nutrition (whether for chronic intestinal failure or for other indications). This invitation is addressed at all healthcare providers (i.e., gastroenterologists, surgeons, clinical nutrition experts, palliative care physicians, dieticians, nurses, pharmacists, and psychologists) involved in the care of home parenteral nutrition adult and pediatric patients.



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