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## Research on Patient-Centered Care

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Patient-centered care is the practice of caring for patients (and their families) in ways that are meaningful and valuable to the individual patient. Patient-centered care (PCC) was developed in response to the acknowledged limitations of the biomedical tradition and is now the primary model of care in many countries. The goal of PCC is the implementation of procedures and relational styles that integrate patients' perspectives and preferences in the process of care. In this way, patients are encouraged to manage their own health and quality of life, thus improving their physical and social well-being and satisfaction with care. However, PCC also increases personal and financial costs, excludes certain groups, and diminishes the value of the staff as autonomous persons, which in turn might result in poor working conditions and high turnover rates. In this respect, PCC may seem to challenge sustainability; at the same time, it seems to integrate some of the ingredients that might help to move in the direction of a value-based healthcare. At a practical level, it may turn out to be sometimes difficult to decide which behavior is more 'patient-centered' than others.

The goal of this Special Issue is to explore the newest research on PCC in order to highlight both strong and weak aspects of this paradigm of care. We welcome papers on PCC provided by researchers from around the world and from diverse disciplines.



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