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Rheumatic Diseases in Children: 2nd Edition

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Message from the Guest Editor

Pediatric rheumatology is a developing field, with important links to other clinical specialties. The importance of this linkage was also seen during the pandemic period with the study of the role of inflammation in COVID-19 disease and the emerging role of anti-rheumatic drugs for its treatment.

This update on rheumatic diseases in children embraces both conditions that are unique to children and others that are also found in adults but that require a different, age-related approach. They are represented by several disorders, including autoimmune diseases, non-inflammatory pain syndromes, inflammatory disorders, as well as disorders of the innate immune system such as autoinflammatory diseases. Early recognition and treatment of these conditions are fundamental for the management of these patients.

Moreover, recent advances in healthcare, evidence-based medicine, translational approaches, as well as greater focus on childrens' needs, have all significantly improved the prognosis and quality of life for children and their families.



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