Aims & Scope:

Cognitive handicap affects global functioning catastrophically as expressed in the domestic context, occupationally and in most aspects of life and daily living. These dysfunctions reduce individuals’ capacity to live their lives from a perspective determined by the degree and intensity of disorder thereby forcing caregiving where extent of intervention and assistance varies according to cognitive ability and functional capacity.

Cognitive handicap issues require constant revision. The dynamics of rehabilitation and recovery for restoration and redevelopment of competence and capacity are of central importance, not least from a perspective of social medicine. These considerations must be explored in order to derive the particular interventions deemed necessary and which aspects of the patients’ background context may be most suitably reinforced (family, occupation, social network).

The purpose of the Special issue will be to further the knowledge and understanding of how cognitive handicaps may be handled and which type of rehabilitation and assistance ought to be applied. These notions will be presented from a perspective of both rehabilitational medicine and social medicine.

Syftet med detta nummer är att fördjupa kunskaperna i hur de kognitiva handikappen kan hanteras och vilka typer av rehabilitering och assistans som behövs sättas in. Detta utifrån ett kliniskt medicinskt perspektiv samt ett socialmedicinskt.

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- Cognitive handicaps in welfare
- Cognitive deterioration and need of assistance
- Nutrition and cognitive disability.
- Developmental learning disabilities and adaptive requirements
- Comorbidity in the cognitive syndromes and evidence-based approaches.

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