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Editorial: Prevention in Child Health Psychology and the *Journal of Pediatric Psychology*

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Statement of Purpose

Prevention science is a cornerstone of the field of public health. Consistent with that view, it is a science seeking to reduce and avoid the development of illness and lifestyle-related health risks (Institute of Medicine, 2002⁺). Prevention is sometimes defined by where its activities take place in the illness process, and at other times by the level of risk in the population of interest. When defined by the illness process, three levels of prevention are commonly referred to. These levels are *primary*, *secondary*, and *tertiary* prevention.

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