Rethinking the health system in the post-pandemic phase

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The pandemic has placed issue concerning both individual and collective health and health as an essential common well being at the centre of public and individual decisions and priorities. It also stressed that health is an economic and social issue too, not only because dedicated products and goods are produced but also because the economy and work require healthy individuals and healthy contexts. Health is an essential asset for the security of a country (economic, military, commercial) and it represents an inalienable right of citizenship, capable of guaranteeing freedoms. The data relating to the infections, the speed of spread of the virus, the number of countries and the continents concerned showed that health has an individual, local national and global character. That there can be no health for individuals if there is no health for all and that environments and contexts must generate health starting from the workplaces including those in charge of care. The pandemic has also highlighted how much new technologies, e-health and telemedicine are useful in treatment processes and it is possible to overcome the digital divide in the use of these tools, as well as the usefulness of robotics both for routine activities such as administering drugs, as well as continuous and widespread training, represents a strategic component of this new process. This difficult experience must become an important opportunity to rethink our health system, because we will no longer be the same.