urological elective procedures; this suggests difficulties in the access to primary care for appropriate evaluation and referral to the specialist.

Such difficulties may arise from parental lack of knowledge about access to health services, disparate access to information on paediatric conditions, language barriers, time schedules or other barriers. <sup>14</sup> Lack of social support may also restrict the selection for day surgery procedures.

In the next few years the non-Italian paediatric population is expected to steadily increase; addressing disparities in the delivery of healthcare emerges as a core issue of public health that cannot be delayed.

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