

Special Issue

Strengthening Midwifery Care for Maternal and Newborn Health

Message from the Guest Editors

The World Health Organization emphasizes midwifery care as a cornerstone for reducing maternal and newborn mortality and achieving universal health coverage. However, significant gaps remain in the availability, accessibility, and quality of midwifery services globally. Strengthening this care across the entire continuum—from pregnancy and childbirth to the postnatal period—is crucial for ensuring the health and well-being of both mothers and newborns. This Special Issue seeks to compile evidence and insights that can empower midwives and transform maternity services worldwide. This Special Issue aims to showcase innovative research and comprehensive reviews on strengthening midwifery care. We welcome contributions that explore a wide spectrum of topics, including, but not limited to, the following: the implementation of WHO-recommended evidence-based practices; technological innovations in midwifery care; effective models for health education and promotion; policy and advocacy initiatives to support the midwifery workforce; the provision of respectful maternity care; and the integration of essential newborn care, such as early breastfeeding support and kangaroo mother care.

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