

Special Issue

Improving Maternal and Child Oral Healthcare

Message from the Guest Editors

Over the past few decades, global efforts have been directed toward improving the living conditions of women and children. Within this context, oral health must be acknowledged as an essential component of overall health and well-being. From a life-course perspective, early childhood—including the prenatal period—plays a decisive role in shaping lifelong health, behaviors, and well-being. Therefore, oral healthcare for women must move beyond a fetal-centered view and acknowledge pregnant women as individuals who, due to temporary physiological changes, require specific oral health attention. In addition, childhood oral diseases remain highly prevalent, and poor living conditions continue to challenge global health. Understanding the dynamic relationship between systemic and oral health, as well as between maternal and child oral health, are urgent needs.

With this Special Issue, we invite the scientific community to share research, reflections, and innovative solutions that advance maternal and child oral healthcare—strengthening evidence-based policies, promoting equitable access, and embracing cultural diversity within public health practice.

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