

Special Issue

The Link between Maternal Mental Health and Infant and Toddler Development

Message from the Guest Editor

The first 1000 days of life, the period from conception and during full-term pregnancy (270 days) until the toddler's second birthday (730 days), is seen as an opportune time, but also a time of great vulnerability, when the building blocks for optimum neurodevelopment are established. Beyond the child's genetic makeup, experience in the world is acknowledged as the primary contributing source of growth and neurodevelopment. Therefore, nurturing care, typically provided by the mother, is a fundamental primary requirement for the optimal development of the young child. However, maternal mental health disorders and exposure to stressful events may disrupt healthy caregiving behavior. Poor maternal mental health can reduce sensitive and responsive maternal caregiving behaviors, which may compromise the mother–child relationship and profoundly affect the child's environment and development. This Special Issue invites original research articles, systematic reviews, meta-analyses and brief reports related to the associations between maternal anxiety, psychosis and/or mood disorders (or the comorbidity thereof) and the development of the young child.

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