

## Special Issue

# Alcohol Use Among Pregnant Women: Trends, Risks, and Intervention Approaches

### Message from the Guest Editor

Antenatal alcohol use leads to adverse pregnancy, birth, and child outcomes, including miscarriage, stillbirth, preterm birth, low birth weight, sudden infant death syndrome, and fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD). The highest FASD rates are in South Africa, followed by Eastern Europe, the UK, and New Zealand. Underserved pregnant people in the U.S. also report prenatal alcohol use rates comparable to South Africa. Postpartum alcohol use is another concern, with evidence showing adverse effects on infant neurocognitive and physical development through breastfeeding. Many resume drinking postpartum after abstaining during pregnancy. Contextual factors, including substance and tobacco use, intimate partner violence, trauma, and maternal depression, also play a role. This Special Issue will focus on prenatal alcohol use research, incorporating both epidemiological and intervention-based approaches. Contributions should explore multi-faceted aspects of prenatal alcohol use.

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