

Special Issue

Pregnancy and Health in the Newborn

Message from the Guest Editors

Early identification of newborns at risk for possible future major health complications is the first step to effective health promotion and intervention. To make this identification possible and most effective, risk factors the mother may be exposed to during pregnancy must be identified and proper intervention applied when necessary during this especially sensitive time period of development. Intervention at the earliest possible time is crucial for long term health outcomes, however, there still exists a belief that interventions over the antenatal period have less impact than those provided around the time of birth for the long-term health of newborns. Risk factors prior to birth can be subdivided according to timing, duration, dosage of exposure, and mode of action. This Special Issue will focus on identifying risk factors for major health complications in newborns present during pregnancy and on appropriate management. New prevention and treatment strategies that are consequent upon the accurate identification of those newborns at risk will also be considered, as will wider societal implications.

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