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Maternal–Fetal Medicine: Current Status, Challenges, and Future Directions

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It is well known that despite the huge advances in genomics, immunology, ultrasonography, pharmacology, and other fields—they all serve complex pregnancies—the incidence of pathology and the patient care outcomes have continued to be suboptimal. For example, preterm birth is an ongoing challenge for both obstetricians and neonatologists due to limitations in predicting such births. This requires the establishment of a personalized strategy and a clear direction of treatment that takes into account the underlying mechanisms of the condition. Additional complexities include understanding that preterm births can be caused by preterm labor, preterm pre-labor rupture of membranes (PPROM), cervical insufficiency, and iatrogenic preterm delivery due to pregnancy or maternal complications. As cesarean delivery rates continue to increase worldwide, the morbidity associated with repeat hysterotomies has become a global problem. Future research in the field of maternal–fetal medicine has many complexities to address surrounding the various aspects of care for both the mother and child.

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