

Special Issue

New Insights into Contraception

Message from the Guest Editors

Contraception is now sort of taken for granted. However, progress continues to be made toward methods specially designed for women with particular problems, be it because of their health or their living conditions, in order to improve both acceptance and continuation rate. New estrogen–progestin oral combinations that contain the natural estrogen 17 β -estradiol have been developed and marketed. On the “minipill” front, a drospirenone-only preparation is at an advanced stage of development. Research on vaginal contraception is currently exploring the consequences of the local administration of steroid hormones on the vaginal microbiome; new rings releasing the antiviral compound used in treating HIV, tenofovir, associated with levonorgestrel have been developed and are being tested. Meanwhile, in the area of intrauterine contraception, the recently developed three-dimensional, spherical, copper intrauterine device (IUD), seems to offer a significant reduction in the rates of perforation, malposition, and expulsion. The aim of this Special Issue is to highlight recent advances in meeting the needs of specific groups of women.

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