Special Issue

Perinatal and Postnatal Mental Health: State of the Art

Message from the Guest Editor

We are excited to announce a forthcoming Special Issue focused on peripartum depression, a significant mental health concern with far-reaching consequences for both parents and children. Recent expert consensus emphasizes the urgent need for early detection and intervention to mitigate long-term risks to parental and child well-being. Screening tools are increasingly recognized and recommended across clinical guidelines. But the complex and multifaceted nature of peripartum depression calls for a range of approaches. First-line treatments, including dynamically oriented psychotherapy and cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT), have shown promising results and are widely endorsed. Antidepressants, particularly selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs), remain central to treatment, though their use requires a careful assessment of potential risks and benefits. The role of hormone therapy remains under investigation, prompting further research into its efficacy. In addition, holistic treatment strategies -including exercise, sleep management, and social support—are integral to improving patient outcomes. Alternative therapies, while encouraging, also require more rigorous exploration.

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