

Guest Editor



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Delivery and Pelvic Floor Disorders

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Dear Colleagues,

Vaginal delivery is tightly associated with pelvic floor disorders, among them genital prolapse, urinary and anal incontinence. Childbirth is a well-established risk factor for injury in the pelvic floor structures, such as avulsion of the levator ani muscle, leading to damaged pelvic floor fascia and weaker muscle strength.

Much effort has already been put in understanding how can obstetricians and midwives improve their intra partum care in order to go on safely childbearing while protecting mothers' pelvic floor. As the consequence we modified some of our habits in the delivery room.

Nevertheless much work has still to be done to protect perineal structures of women who are giving birth older and older over time.

And much has to be analyzed with scientific method to build recommendations for our clinical practice.

The goal of this special issue is to provide additional data, both original articles and comprehensive reviews, about obstetrics practice in the view of a "preventive pelvic floor medicine".

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