



Women's Empowerment and Women's Health Outcomes

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Message from the Guest Editors

Women's health disparities exist worldwide due to biological and gender-related differences in, as well as sociocultural barriers limiting access to, the use of quality health care. Health outcomes in women are related to the infrastructure of communities and societies, and are often a reflection of women's place in society. Women's positions in society are influenced by their educational, cultural, economic, legal, and political position. These are closely linked with women's empowerment—a process by which women have the ability and agency to make strategic decisions about many aspects of life, including health, economics, familial, and interpersonal decisions.

This Issue will have a broad focus on the impact of women's empowerment on several dimensions of women's health, including reproductive health, pregnancy, childbirth, postnatal outcomes, quality of care, abuse and violence, and mental health. We welcome original research papers using different study designs as well as systematic reviews and meta-analyses.





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