



Erectile Dysfunction (ED): Symptoms, Diagnosis and Treatment

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear colleagues,

Erectile dysfunction (ED) is the inability to achieve and keep an erection firm enough for sexual intercourse. ED is an induced combination of vasculogenic, neurogenic, endocrinological/metabolic (hypogonadism, hyperprolactinemia, diabetes, osteoporosis), drug-induced (psychotropics, anti-hypertensive) and psychological causes, including sexual dysfunctions due to infertility conditions. It can be classified as psychogenic, organic or mixed psychogenic and organic. Approximately 20%–30% of adult men have at least one sexual dysfunction.

The role of age is an important risk factor, as ED increases with increasing age, in association with other comorbidities. Furthermore, ED could be considered a risk factor for heart disease, similarly to a history of smoking or a family history of coronary artery disease, or diabetes and other systemic diseases. Finally, due to all of these reasons, investigating ED could be useful to ameliorate the prevention or the treatment of some of the most widespread acute and chronic diseases.

This Special Issue will explore ED aetiology, comorbidity and management based on a combination of original research and review papers.





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