



## Mother–Child Attachment Relationship in Pregnancy, Postpartum, and Early Childhood: Current Status and New Research Perspectives

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Dear Colleague,

The perinatal period is a critical and sensitive period of development for both mothers and their infants. The quality of the attachment, which is established during the period of pregnancy, significantly impacts cognitive/emotional/social development in early childhood. This SI brings together in developmental/perinatal psychology to present the latest contributions/interventions related to mother–child attachments in pregnancy, postpartum, and early childhood, including:

1. Theoretical perspectives on mother–child attachment;
2. Research on the factors that influence the development of mother–child attachment;
3. Assessment tools and techniques for measuring mother–child attachment;
4. Interventions to promote healthy mother–child attachment and prevent or treat postpartum disorders;
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