



## Global Care of Preterm Children: The Role of Individual, Family and Environmental Factors

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Preterm birth occurs when infants are born before the 37<sup>th</sup> gestational week, and constitutes an important risk factor for the survival, health, and development of the newborn. The vulnerability of preterm babies requires specific practices and attention during the entire perinatal period (maintaining reasonable sleep, cheerful and relaxed state of mind, proper nutrition, etc.).

Furthermore, it is widely recognized that consequences of prematurity could impact the whole social environment around the preterm child. In particular, the traumatic experience of prematurity could negatively influence maternal and paternal emotional states, presenting an obstacle to the process of transition to parenthood.

Recently, the higher implementation of interdisciplinary approaches has contributed to the reduction of an infant-centered bias in the practices of health services. To reduce the negative impact of premature birth, there is a need of research that empirically supports the relevance of practices driven by a longitudinal and multidisciplinary perspective.

This Special Issue aims to deepen the knowledge concerning the most recent advances in the global care of preterm children.





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