



Promoting Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

The World Health Organization shed light on the significance of biological sex on the health of women. Women and girls across the globe are experiencing increased vulnerability to sexually transmitted infections, including HIV. Theoretical frameworks like the Theory of Gender and Power describe the inequity in gender-based power between partners in relationships. Threats to the overall health of a woman are driven by social norms that decrease access to education and employment, two primary constructs of one's socioeconomic status. These threats are exacerbated by pervasive acts of violence against women of a physical, sexual, and emotional nature. Several research agendas are underway to counter gender-based norms and systems that aim to disempower women. Prospective studies testing behavioral interventions with adaptation frameworks, implementation science, randomized controlled trials, comparative effectiveness approaches, and other scientifically rigorous approaches to increase access to reproductive justice and sexual health, normalize sex positivity, and empower women to gain autonomy over their sexual decisions are invited for this Special Issue.





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