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Prenatal Exposure to Environmental Pollutants: Effects on Fetal Development, Birth Outcomes and Children's Health

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Prenatal exposures are especially concerning because of the rapid development and growth and increased vulnerability sensitivity and of the developing fetus. Prenatal exposure to heavy metals, organic chemicals and compounds, and pesticides can disrupt processes involved in cellular and organ development, affecting a host of maternal-child adverse health concerns including cardiovascular, metabolic, neurological. respiratory, and reproductive outcomes. Environmental pollutants may act on molecular pathways, disrupting normal function as signaling chemicals such as hormones, or may interact with non-chemical stressors, impacting prenatal health and birth outcomes.

This Special Issue focuses on our current understanding as well as gaps in our knowledge and evidence base with respect to prenatal exposure to environmental pollutants and their adverse effects on fetal development, birth outcomes, and children's health. The Special Issue will feature scienctific advances across the research continuum.

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