

Special Issue on
Hormonal Contraception and Sexuality

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The use of contraceptives to prevent unwanted pregnancies is now widespread throughout the world. Women's contraceptive choices are often based on advice from healthcare providers, family, partners, and/ or friends. Compliance with contraception depends on a range of salient factors, including method efficacy, safety, side effects, the client's understanding of use of the method, personal characteristics, noncontraceptive benefits, costs, partner support, and healthcare provider preferences. Contraceptive counseling provides education, dispels misinformation, facilitates selection of a method that will be successful for the individual, and encourages patient involvement in healthcare decisions and life goals. Biological and psychological changes are linked to hormonal contraception, and their eventual adverse effects can play an important role in the choice of this contraceptive method. An important aspect that is often not well investigated is the impact of hormonal contraception on sexuality, psychological wellbeing, and reproductive health of women. Indeed, the possible negative impact of hormonal contraceptives on women's sexual desire and arousal can discourage their use. Moreover, hormonal contraception is of particular relevance to endocrinologists, since many endocrine diseases affect reproductive function and vice versa. Consequently, it is important that endocrinologists have knowledge of reproduction and the methods available to prevent it.

Considering these elements, the special issue aims to publish updated and groundbreaking original researches and comprehensive reviews about clinical care, service delivery, and training and education in the field of hormonal contraception and sexual health. Space will also be given to multidisciplinary contributions in order to better understand the impact of the use of hormonal contraceptives on sexual function and psychological wellbeing.

Potential topics include but are not limited to the following:

- ▶ Hormonal contraception and sexuality
- ▶ Hormonal contraception in women with endocrinological diseases
- ▶ Hormonal contraception failure and abortion
- ▶ Postpartum hormonal contraception
- ▶ Counselling and psychological impact of hormonal contraception
- ▶ Hormonal contraception in adolescents

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