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Sexual and Reproductive Medicine

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Dear Colleagues,

Sexual and reproductive health is often neglected in the clinical management of many conditions. This is generally due to a sense of “shame” towards sexuality, as well as to the trend of diminishing the relevance of sexual and reproductive health compared to other systemic diseases. However, both sexual and reproductive functions are considered to be some of the most reliable markers of general health. Identification of sexual and reproductive dysfunctions and their relevant risk factors can therefore highlight underlying conditions and lead to improved medical care. Additionally, sexual and reproductive health can be leveraged to improve compliance for the treatment of many conditions, including cardiovascular diseases, and can be a strategy to promote better lifestyles and prevent exposure to risk factors. The psychological burdens of sexual and reproductive dysfunctions are also well-known, and further demonstrate the close association between “organic” and “non-organic” risk factors.

On a broader scale, it can be assumed that individuals with sexual and/or reproductive health issues might be more frequently exposed to risky health behaviors such as smoking, malnutrition, alcohol, and drug use and that addressing these risk factors could potentially improve their clinical outcome. Despite this, many clinicians overlook the relevance of sexual and reproductive dysfunctions and therefore miss the opportunity to intervene, or merely disregard them as “minor nuisances” despite their high prevalence and social burden.

This special issue will explore all topics pertaining to sexual and reproductive health, ranging from new diagnostic technologies to treatment strategies. We look forward to receiving relevant papers on this topic in the form of original articles, commentaries, and reviews.

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