



Call for Papers for Forthcoming Thematic Issue:

Postpartum Health and Wellness

Deadline for submission: October 15, 2015

The Maternal and Child Health Journal is soliciting manuscript submissions to be considered for an upcoming issue on the theme of postpartum health and wellness. The year following the birth of an infant offers a critical but often overlooked opportunity for primary and secondary prevention for women, their babies and their families. This important period in the reproductive life continuum provides a critical link between prenatal care and women's preventive healthcare as well as an essential opportunity to guide and support maternal role attainment, breastfeeding, mental health and healthy parenting. Despite the significance of postpartum care, in some populations fewer than 60% of women have a postpartum visit. The increasing rates of maternal mortality and morbidity in the US have served to heighten awareness about the importance of investing in quality, comprehensive care for all mothers during this sensitive period of time. Experts across a variety of fields agree on the importance of focusing on the many different systems that interact with new mothers, infants and families to better coordinate and improve the support given during this extremely important period of time for the mother baby dyad. There is also a strong interest in engaging women's voices, experience and advocacy in service and system development.

The Journal solicits manuscripts on any aspect of postpartum health and wellness, including policy briefs, original research, commentaries, perspectives in practice (clinical or public health), program development or implementation, program evaluation, and literature reviews.

Submissions from maternal and child health researchers, community leaders, business leaders, practitioners, program directors, and other professionals working in or contributing to postpartum health and wellness are encouraged.

Submissions received by October 15, 2015 will have the greatest likelihood of acceptance for this thematic issue. Please follow the Maternal and Child Health Journal's instructions for authors (<http://www.springer.com/public+health/journal/10995>) and submit manuscripts to the Journal's Editorial Manager (<https://www.editorialmanager.com/maci/>).

When submitting a manuscript, include a cover letter stating your request for it to be considered for this thematic issue and select "Postpartum Health Special Issue" as manuscript type. For additional information, please contact:

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