

Guidelines for Contributing Authors

Manuscripts

The Journal of Prenatal and Perinatal Psychology and Health accepts only original material that is not under consideration by any other publications. Articles should be word-processed and transmitted electronically as a Word document to the Editor. The Editor reserves the right to edit manuscripts for length, clarity, and conformity with the journal's style. The author should retain his/her copy. American spelling should be used. The paper should be between 2,000 and 8,000 words with a 100-word abstract and at least three keywords. (See further guidelines for submitting a manuscript in the current APA Publication Manual (2020), specifically, "Author Responsibilities.")

The journal is interested in publishing theoretical and empirical articles utilizing data gained from clinical work, experimental research, case studies, and self-report. Among the areas of special interest are:

- Psychological factors that affect conception, pregnancy, labor, birth and the postpartum period;
- The reciprocal mechanisms of interaction between the pregnant mother and her unborn and sentient child and the mother and her newborn;
- The influence of the family, society, and the environment on the pregnant mother and her unborn child;
- Evidence-based measures that will improve the emotional well-being of mothers, fathers, and newborns;
- The psychological effects of medical technology during conception, pregnancy, labor, and birth on all parties concerned;
- Methods of prevention and intervention/resolution of prenatal and perinatal traumas with children and adults;
- Interfaces between prenatal and perinatal psychology and medicine, genetics, developmental psychology, anthropology, ethics, and the law.

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