



## Call for Papers

### Women's Reproductive Health: A Revolution in Research and Care

**Deadline for abstracts: September 15, 2022**

Women's reproductive health is a major determinant of a nation's health and the health of its future generations. With 200 million women residing in the Middle East region, the importance of conducting more research in the area of women's health is clear and is needed to serve as a benchmark for evaluation of future research activities and comparative purposes with Middle Eastern immigrants and other populations. To ensure women have equal opportunity to the best health outcomes, alongside system and societal changes, health innovations are critical. Genetic and environmental factors contribute to the risk of reproductive health conditions, but little is known about these factors in this context. Women's health research contributes to less than 1% in the region, and there is little known regarding the reasons for the variable symptoms and risk factors attributable to women's reproductive health in different populations of women, especially women of Middle Eastern origin.

There is a need to conduct an in-depth understanding of the biological, environmental, and culturally centered beliefs of Arab women within the realms of their lives as young adolescents and adults, and how it may impact reproductive health-related conditions. Such understanding will allow policymakers, stakeholders, and medical physicians to improve management and develop targeted culturally sensitive health education awareness campaigns for Arab women struggling with reproductive health conditions. It will examine current and future policy surrounding women's health, the inequalities within it, and evaluate the future for female health and wellbeing by improving awareness, tackling taboos, and providing easier access to services for women. To do so, significant research is required surrounding women's health conditions and related co-morbidities, to develop a better understanding of cultural and regional women health patterns.

To optimize the health of women in the Middle East, we aim to look to the future of health care system, which is inclusive and understanding to women's health and ensuring women specific health issues are a priority. We are seeking submissions from a range of topics and methodologies relating to women's and reproductive health, including but not limited to:

- Menstrual Health and Conditions
- Common Gynecological Diseases and Reproductive Health
- Gynecology oncology
- Infertility
- Pregnancy (Prenatal and Antenatal care)
- Family Planning and Contraception
- Mental Health and Quality of Life
- Nutritional, Environmental and Lifestyle Factors
- Women's Health Policy and Human Rights Research in Reproductive Health.

Authors are invited to submit their abstracts (200 words or less), and five to six keywords by email to Natasha Mansur ([natasha.m@alqasimifoundation.rak.ae](mailto:natasha.m@alqasimifoundation.rak.ae)) by September 15, 2022. You may also contact Mira Mousa, [mira.mousa@stx.ox.ac.uk](mailto:mira.mousa@stx.ox.ac.uk); the Guest Editor of this Special Issue, should you have any further questions. Full paper submissions in Arabic or English between 6000 to 8000 words in length are to be done directly to the journal no later than **November 15, 2022**, including an abstract, footnotes, references, and appendices. For articles published in Arabic, the abstract and keywords must be presented in both English and Arabic. Please get in touch with the Managing Editor, Natasha Mansur, should you require help with translating abstracts from Arabic to English. Please click [here](#) for additional information on the submission guidelines.