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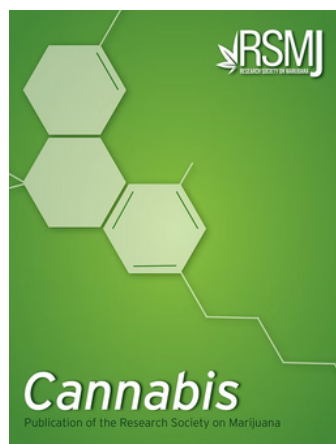
Call for Papers

Special Issue on Perinatal Cannabis Use



We invite submission of abstracts for an upcoming special issue on perinatal cannabis use, to be published in *Cannabis*. As cannabis legalization expands and social attitudes shift, perinatal cannabis use has become an increasingly important area of research. Understanding the complexities of cannabis use during pregnancy and postpartum – including its motivations, patterns, social and structural determinants, and potential consequences – is critical for informing clinical practice, public health policy, and intervention efforts. This Special Issue of *Cannabis* provides a venue for original reports, brief reports, reviews, and opinion articles that explore perinatal cannabis use from multidisciplinary perspectives.

The guest editors of this Special Issue aim to foster a broad, interdisciplinary dialogue on perinatal cannabis use. We welcome submissions that explore topics such as:



- Patterns and trajectories of cannabis use **during pregnancy and postpartum**
- **Motivations** for and **perceived benefits** of perinatal cannabis use
- **Social, cultural, and structural factors** influencing cannabis use in pregnancy and postpartum
- The role of **maternal mental and physical health, trauma, and stress** in cannabis use decisions
- **Health care provider perspectives/approaches** to discussing perinatal cannabis use
- **Public health** messaging, harm reduction, and intervention strategies
- **Legal and policy considerations** related to cannabis use in pregnancy and parenting
- **Ethical considerations** in research and policy on perinatal cannabis use
- **Methodological considerations** in studying perinatal cannabis use and exposure

DEADLINE FOR PAPERS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE SPECIAL ISSUE: AUGUST 1, 2025

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Please direct questions about potential articles to the special issue editors, Drs. Micalizzi and Gunn at the email(s) listed above. Emails to one or both of the special issue editors about an intention to submit are strongly encouraged prior to the submission deadline. **One final note:** if you submit a paper, we will also ask you to review one. This is an important experience for both seasoned and new scientists. If you are a student, we ask that you seek mentorship on the review, including from someone on the *Cannabis* editorial board. If you are the first author of a submitted manuscript, and you agree to review a manuscript, we will waive the typical submission fee of \$100 for non-members of the Research Society on Marijuana.

Submit papers via the journal portal: researchmj.org/journal – Please make sure in your cover letter to the editor to specify that the submitted paper is intended for the special issue.

Cannabis is an open access peer-reviewed journal dedicated to the scientific study of marijuana/cannabis from a multidisciplinary perspective. Consistent with the mission of the Research Society on Marijuana, the journal publishes empirical research of the determinants, correlates, consequences, contexts, and assessment of marijuana use as well as the treatment of problematic marijuana use, including cannabis use disorder.

Information for authors: <https://publications.sciences.ucf.edu/cannabis/index.php/Cannabis/information/authors>

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