Innovations in Maternal-Fetal Medicine and Neonatology: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Enhancing Care for High-Risk Pregnancies and Premature Infants

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Abstract

Maternal-fetal medicine and neonatology are pivotal fields in managing high-risk pregnancies and premature infants. Recent innovations in these areas emphasize the importance of a multidisciplinary approach to improve outcomes for vulnerable populations, particularly concerning brain health throughout the life course. This review synthesizes recent literature on the advancements in maternal-fetal medicine and neonatology, focusing on methodologies and strategies that enhance care for high-risk pregnancies and premature infants. A comprehensive search was conducted across several databases, including PubMed, Scopus, and MEDLINE, targeting studies published from 2018 to 2023. The findings indicate that integrating fetal-neonatal neurology (FNN) into clinical practice significantly enhances the precision of diagnostics and interventions. The application of a life-course exposome perspective reveals that early exposures can have lasting impacts on brain health, necessitating early identification and intervention strategies. Furthermore, studies highlight the need for specialized training in FNN to equip healthcare professionals with the skills necessary to address the complexities of prenatal and neonatal care.Innovations in maternal-fetal medicine and neonatology underscore the importance of a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach to managing high-risk pregnancies and caring for premature infants. There is a pressing need for educational programs that incorporate FNN principles, ensuring that healthcare providers are adequately prepared to optimize outcomes for mothers and their children. Future research should focus on expanding these educational frameworks and assessing their impact on clinical practice.

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Introduction

Professional groups and health policy agencies increasingly robustly endorse life-course brain wellness (1, 2). This goal may be more efficiently attained by acknowledging the continual nature of reproductive,

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pregnancy, and pediatric exposome impacts that impact a dynamic neural exposome throughout an individual's lifetime (3). The epidemiological notion of the exposome was first proposed to detect and cure cancer by considering the whole of lifetime experiences with gene-environment interactions. This methodology is currently relevant for enhancing neurodiagnostic, neurotherapeutic, and prognostic judgments by adopting a life-course neural exposome view on brain health (4, 5). Formal training is succeeded by the continual use of neurological ideas and practices to promote brain health for individuals throughout their lives.

A suggested interdisciplinary fetal-neonatal neurology (FNN) teaching method aims to enhance precision medicine for the improvement of life-course brain health. Trainee-supervised clinical interactions provide techniques to prevent or mitigate the impact of diseases indicative of early childhood maladaptive neuroplasticity. Two assessments concerning educational experiences in fetal-neonatal medicine emphasize the need for specialized training in this discipline. A prior study was based on replies from several pediatric subspecialists, followed by a new survey especially targeting pediatric neurologists. The previous research findings indicated that pediatric neurologists had the minimal training in FNN. A recent study conducted among pediatric neurologists revealed their need for improved educational opportunities in this specialization (6, 7).

Ontogenetic adaptation (OA) is a significant evolutionary paradigm relevant to all biological fields along the developmental-aging continuum. The significance of previous experiences influences future both design and function via multisystemic effects, either enhancing or hindering them. This notion may aid all neurology subspecialists in more effectively identifying phenotypic manifestations indicative of either favorable or adverse plasticity across the lifetime (8). Clinical manifestations indicative of dynamic osteoarthritis alterations emerges throughout pivotal times, commencing during the first 1,000 days. This period includes reproductive, pregnancy, and early life events up to 2 years of age, during which 80% of neural connections are formed (9, 10). Multisystemic adaptive reactions to sickness and hardship enhance survival and favorably affect brain connections across developing and aging phases. Prior adaptive modifications mitigate or evade detrimental outcomes in response to subsequent unfavorable encounters. Enhanced results arise from the beneficial impacts of positive stressors. Maladaptation may instead arise from the intensity and particular mix of stressor impacts that restrict or negate prior beneficial adaptations. Repeated adverse experiences foster enduring maladaptive neuroplasticity, which subsequently manifests throughout life as neurological dysfunction phenotypes, sometimes associated with structural brain tumors. These atypical phenotypes may manifest primarily as fetal, neonatal, or young children's neurological diseases, or emerge later throughout adulthood.

The combination of endogenous as well as exogenous toxic stressors (TSI) produces enduring detrimental consequences via gene-environment interactions in reaction to both communicable and non-communicable diseases and adversities (3). The functional exposome notion applies to a dynamic neuronal exposome that will exhibit varying expressions throughout time (11). Abnormal morphology and functionality arise from cumulative TSI effects that signify the development of maladaptive neuroplasticity responses across the lifetime. Adverse consequences are first shown in women's health state prior to each pregnancy. These pathological conditions or challenges subsequently compromise the health of the maternal-placental-fetal (MPF) triad. Inherited parental and family factors influence fetal genetic expressions, which are then modified by post-translational acquired illness processes that signify dysregulatory neuronal alterations at any stage throughout pregnancy. Childhood and adulthood neurologic traits are subsequently manifested, distinct to each individual's dynamic neural exposome. Transgenerational effects sustain neurological illness manifestations. Diagnostic abilities are essential for maintaining brain health by mitigating the adverse effects of various stresses throughout an individual's lifetime, achieved via the selection of the most efficient neuroprotective therapies. The twin goals for the schooling for all neurology specialists are prolonged survival and enhanced quality of life (12).

Equitable healthcare provision necessitates the use of socioeconomic determinants of health within a comprehensive lifelong brain capital strategy. Addressing the health of women and children is essential for the optimal promotion of brain health in adult women and men. Success will be more effectively attained by global synergistic efforts that include four essential components: surveillance, preventive, emergency

care, and rehabilitation treatments within neurological training relevant to practice and research. Collaboration among all stakeholders in clinical decision-making may more efficiently alleviate the worldwide burden of neurological diseases. The determination of assets and the rectification of shortcomings are particular to a community, region, or country (13).

This suggested fetal-neonatal neurology (FNN) course provides an educational framework to advance fair healthcare. Periodic updates of the instructional curriculum need the ongoing incorporation of insights derived from advancements in neuroscience. Essential educational resources are required to sustain the functioning of these programs. A hub arrangement for brain healthcare instruction inside an academic medical institution may optimally fit with the distinct needs of the locality, region, and country (14). Enhanced life-course brain health via continuous professional development may be attained by implementing practice standards that radiate from this central hub to all peripheral healthcare institutions. Collaboration across all stakeholders enhances clinical practice, educational, and research goals. The implementation of the 17 sustainable development objectives established by the World Health Organization (WHO), in collaboration with international expert group partnerships, may facilitate global initiatives to attain equitable life-course brain health (15, 16).

Interdisciplinary methodologies in FNN training enhance lifelong learning across all neurological subspecialties and other medical fields, aligned with the WHO sustainable objectives (3, 6). The curriculum must include scientific advancements related to the neural exposome notion to provide more precise diagnostic and treatment options. Developmental origins and life cycle views highlight crucial sensitive phases of neuroplasticity starting throughout the first 1,000 days. Modifications will thereafter take place, especially throughout the individual's adolescent and reproductive senescence. Fragmented approaches by stakeholders hinder research, innovation, regulation, and financing initiatives, leading to suboptimal clinical judgments across healthcare fields. Interdisciplinary FNN training used in lifelong clinical practice advances education, healthcare, and research goals to benefit all individuals within the framework of diversity, equality, and inclusion (DEI). This brain capital technique is applicable throughout neurological specialties to decrease mortality and maintain brain health throughout generations (17).

Objectives of the Interdisciplinary Fetal-Neonatal Neurology Program

The use of practical abilities in FNN among all neurologists necessitates an educational program tailored to each specialism. Adult neurology trainees gain a practical understanding of FNN during their restricted pediatric neurology rotations. An understanding of developmental illness pathways will subsequently assist in the identification and management of neurological problems in the aging brain. Adult neurology residents will be more equipped to contemplate neurological causes and life-course views in their adult action, schooling, and research concerning cerebrovascular, neurodegenerative, as well as epileptic illnesses for both genders. Pediatric subspecialty residents, nurses, and therapists constitute a heterogeneous cohort of rotating trainees across other disciplines who additionally profit from these training experiences. Medical students engaged in FNN rotations throughout their first postgraduate study will enhance their career trajectories relevant to the choices of medical care or subspecialty residency in their respective healthcare domains.

Pediatric neurologists pursuing a career in FNN require enhanced bedside and didactic training. This training program enhances their diagnostic abilities for use during examinations of youngsters as they transition into early adulthood. Enhanced diagnosis of lifelong neurological illnesses starts with increased understanding of hazards associated with early childhood brain disease exposures throughout the first 1,000 days. FNN improves the conventional pediatric neurology curriculum by adopting an instructional strategy that highlights the continuation of reproductive, prenatal, as well as childhood experiences to more effectively identify risks and repercussions associated with illness and hardship. The focus on the woman and the evolving maternal-placental-fetal (MPF) triad informs diagnostic approaches about trimester-specific illness stresses that may first compromise fetal brain development. Negative impacts on an individual's dynamic fetal neural exposome start with prenatal neural maldevelopment, manifested as abnormal or damaging lesions that contribute to neurological disorders in neonates and early childhood (3).

The continuation of dangers or traumas from prenatal to postnatal stages contributes to developmental neurological sequelae. A preterm and full-term infant minority exhibits the "great neonatal neurological syndromes," characterized by encephalopathy, epileptic attacks, and stroke (18). The first postnatal phenotypes signify illness pathways that often correspond with preceding antepartum timeframes and etiologies. Childhood neurological illnesses sometimes manifest as "the silent majority," remaining asymptomatic during first assessments despite accumulating risk factors or subclinical indications of disease pathways. Childhood infectious and noncommunicable diseases, together with later adversities throughout puberty, may lead to persistent brain damage, often exacerbating pre-existing vulnerabilities. Childhood TSI subsequently leads to diminished adult brain health, shown by reproductive senescence resulting from late-life diseases and adversities (3).

Workflow and Curriculum Materials During FNN Training

A proposed two-year FNN curriculum is introduced, which expands formal education beyond the current one-year offerings. Organizations like the United Council of Neurological Specialties (UCNS) in the United States provide accreditation in neonatal neurocritical care for professionals who complete an online examination. Multiple neurological subspecialties have previously obtained endorsements from the UCNS, corresponding to their respective professional associations. Participants in all these programs must complete an accredited certification test created by designated specialists in each field. This newly presented method proposed training requirements to fulfill FNN certification. Neonatal neurocritical care (NNCC) is being prioritized above fetal and pediatric educational experiences. Two factors underpin this approach: the time constraint necessitating adaptation to the existing 12-month training period, and the relative scarcity of experienced faculty and essential resources at most educational institutions to implement an integrated methodology encompassing all three elements of the proposed FNN scheme. Modifications to the program's length and curriculum will recalibrate the components related to prenatal, neonatal, and pediatric care, providing enhanced opportunity to study particular subtopics throughout each of the three rotations. These evaluations will need agreement among the individuals appointed as FNN leaders in this expanding multidisciplinary domain. The redefinition of the minimum competent trainee capable of passing the certification test necessitates reevaluation due to forthcoming changes in the depth and breadth of the curriculum information provided during training.

The enhancement of newborn neurological care, along with a more systematic pediatric follow-up for the clinical management of infants with neurological diseases, has driven the establishment of these one-year training programs. Education will now be attained mostly by self-directed instruction, following a framework of recommended curricular subjects. Opportunities for certification for practising pediatric neurologists and pediatricians will depend on institution-specific capabilities that offer protected time for fulfilling FNN program certification criteria. Independent practitioners not involved in current programs might alternate gain understanding of curriculum topics using a case-based learning paradigm. Selected trainees may get opportunities to travel and work at more well-known programs to enhance their learning experiences.

The idea for a two-year program implemented at a growing number of mixed obstetrical-pediatric medical institutions with academic connections would more efficiently provide a full curriculum led by seasoned teachers. Modifications to training prerequisites for trainees will align with designated educational goals as advised by the mentoring committee. The rigorous monitoring of the trainee's clinical and didactic development will be integral to this training experience. Protected time outside patient care necessitates that institutions provide cash for the wages of trainees and instructors, as well as for essential teaching resources. These financial commitments may need collaborative assistance from the particular institution, government-funded research grants, and philanthropic contributions. Interdisciplinary FNN training includes three interconnected clinical experiences: neonatal, fetal, and pediatric. A trainee's experience in each rotation will focus on the continuity of care pertinent to the first 1,000 days of brain development.

The Neonatal Neurology Aspect of An FNN Program

Neonatal neurocritical care (NNCC) is often necessary if complications arise after childbirth. This will continue to be the primary training emphasis for trainees to have a more thorough grasp of this symptomatic newborn minority that need acute care. Resuscitative care protocols use peer-reviewed clinical recommendations aimed at decreasing mortality and morbidity in this at-risk group. These therapeutic paths instruct on urgent healthcare decisions for children who had challenging fetal-to-neonatal transitions. Trainees must comprehend the procedures used by neonatologists in managing acute multi-system dysfunction resulting from obstetrical practice decisions, including urgent interventions. Selected therapies aim to enhance survival and functional restoration. Learning goals must include expected healthcare modifications throughout the acute, subacute, and convalescent phases in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) to attain the optimal medical condition by the child's release. Neurologic phenotypes often represent the interplay of prenatal and neonatal illness pathways, resulting in heightened risks for neurological sequelae. Antepartum lesions to an undeveloped and susceptible fetal brain are more likely to result in severe unfavorable outcomes during parturition that need resuscitation and intensive care. Fetal and neonatal problems increase the likelihood of surviving developing lifelong brain impairments that manifest in early childhood.

Interdisciplinary neonatal neurocritical care (NNCC) training necessitates collaboration among several pediatric medical-surgical subspecialties, including neurology experts. A comprehensive understanding of technical interpretations requires patient-specific clinical connections. This educational process necessitates the identification of suitable neurophysiological, neuroradiological, perinatal pathological, and neurogenetic testing modalities. Supervised evaluations of each testing modality are conducted. Trainees must acquire knowledge of contemporary peer-reviewed categories related to newborn encephalopathy (NE), EEG, MRI, and placental anomalies to enhance their comprehension of illness causes, treatments, and prognosis while refining their history and examination abilities (19-22). Clinical mimicry should be predicted either separately or in various combinations, referred to as the "great neonatal neurological syndromes." This analytical approach will enhance recognition and mitigate prejudice to facilitate successful shared decision-making with families. Various illness mechanisms lead to atypical newborn phenotypes throughout various timeframes (3). The cumulative effects of prenatal TSI may have previously jeopardized the health of the MPF trio, leading to fetal brain damage. Later clinical manifestations throughout the peripartum and newborn periods may diverge from the initial commencement of the illness trajectory.

Educational experiences depend on a multi-systemic approach orchestrated by neonatologists who provide interdisciplinary consultations. These instructional experiences need the involvement of nursing, therapy, child-life, and social work professionals. These healthcare practitioners enhance the trainee's bio-social views, hence fostering more precise clinical skills. Effective developmental care decisions, along with ongoing communication with parents and families, foster collaboration and trust. Supervised assessments with neuropalliative teams emphasize the need of good communication to maintain family views and values while addressing the problems faced by their medically fragile children (23). These experiences increase the trainee's understanding of collaborative clinical decision-making via empathetic care. Mastering the science of uncertainty is a crucial educational element, since potential diagnostic conclusions are tentatively founded on insufficient knowledge (24). Trainees are directed to seek a deeper retrospective comprehension of each woman's reproductive and pregnancy health histories, using supplementary information obtained from family meetings and a thorough re-examination of the medical records of the parents, the pregnancy, and the kid. These discoveries improve time-sensitive diagnostic options pertinent to MPF triad illness pathways that influence prenatal neurological phenotypic manifestations. This method enhances knowledge of children risks for neurological sequelae and offers a more precise diagnostic framework for clinician's post-discharge.

The term "reproductive risk and the continuum of caretaking casualty" was first presented over fifty years ago and has been lately reiterated with the emergence of the FNN sector (25). Researchers first established birth cohort studies to examine the determinants of elevated maternal and pediatric mortality rates post-World War II (26, 27). The significance of women's health during pregnancy in relation to TSI was highlighted in comparison to the dominant medical care methods of the later part of the 20th century.

Potential correlations with childhood neurological sequelae, including cerebral palsy and epilepsy, were identified in an American birth cohort study including mother-child pairs up to 8 years of age (28). The first insights from maternal and pediatric research enhanced the competencies of subsequent generations of doctors as the disciplines of neonatology, maternal-fetal medicine, and pediatric neurology were developed and broadened. Increased training requirements will be necessary when new research on numerous exposome effects is explored. Advancements in diagnostics and therapeutics used in forthcoming FNN training will enhance brain health across all stages of life and for future generations.

The Fetal Neurology Aspect of a FNN Program

Trainees will use their NNCC learning experiences throughout various fetal neurology consultations during a woman's pregnancy. Integrated obstetrical-pediatric medical facilities provide enhanced chances for education in reproductive and pregnancy health, supported by multidisciplinary healthcare professionals. Supervised fetal neurology consultations during prenatal clinical encounters enhance the following neonatal neurology and pediatric aspects of the planned FNN program (29).

Consultations are often started due to atypical interpretations of fetal monitoring tests. Current abdominal sonographic data serve as the primary basis for initiating a fetal neurology consultation upon detecting abnormal or destructive lesions in the fetal brain, often during multi-organ assessments conducted between 18 and 22 weeks of gestation. Trainees must start accurate neurological examinations by acquiring abilities to identify brain lesions originally detected by sonography. Upcoming certification training options in sonography for fetal neurologists will mirror current offerings for fetal cardiology education (30). Multidisciplinary medical-surgical cardiology initiatives have highlighted the benefits and limitations in assessing infants with congenital heart anomalies to enhance prenatal and postnatal therapies. Interdisciplinary FNN programs will need comparable capabilities for fetal neurologists. Enhanced detection of appropriate neuroprotective therapies. Fetal behavioral assessments indicating state transitions facilitate the identification of aberrant clinical symptoms using 4-D sonography and Doppler tests, which serve as crucial functional evaluations in contrast to structural abnormalities seen in fetal neuroimaging (31).

Fetal brain MRI investigations conducted during the second and third trimesters often enhance the detection of lesions due to the superior specificity and sensitivity of fetal MRI technologies, which surpass sonographic resolution. Neonatal brain MRI subsequently provides enhanced postnatal imaging detection (32). Sequential comparisons of prenatal and postnatal sonography and MRI images will enhance the identification and progression of neuropathological lesions linked to fetal brain disease pathways, which are subsequently affected by subsequent neonatal and childhood conditions. Fetal neurology consults need an understanding of preconception and early pregnancy illness mechanisms. Additional comprehensive testing options complement sonography (33–36). Pathways of prenatal brain illness may be indicated by viral, serologic, genetic, and xenobiotic biomarkers derived from maternal or fetal blood investigations, as well as evaluations of urine, serous, or amniotic fluid. Test interpretations include cell-free biomarkers that enhance the identification of certain trimester-related diseases impacting the MPF triad. Precise FNN diagnosis decisions need comprehension of the triad's physiological reactions to TSI, informed by the selection and interpretation of several testing modalities alongside fetal sonography used throughout pregnancy (37, 38).

Early pregnancy indicators often indicate trophoblastic maldevelopment linked to several uteroplacental illness pathways that start days post-fertilization. Placental, cord, and uterine diseases often combine to provide unfavorable outcomes characterized by the MPF trio. This often results in developmental repercussions from the first trimester that impact the duration of the pregnancy (18). Three primary pathways of placental sickness must be examined separately or in various combinations to interpret test findings that appropriately reflect the complex impact of the disease on the MPF triad.

Maternal immune activation (MIA), ischemia placental syndrome (IPS), and fetal inflammatory response (FIR) either singly or in various combinations lead to a range of MPF triad disorders that result

in fetal brain damage. MIA denotes differing levels of early pregnancy graft-versus-host immunological incompatibility that may lead to fetal demise resulting in miscarriage. Survivors endure compromised delivery of nutritional and growth substances via the placenta, as well as inadequate waste disposal. Abnormalities in embryonic progenitor neuronal populations may lead to maladaptive outcomes, resulting in poor connectivity in the developing fetal brain (39). Two histopathological abnormalities illustrate T-cell mediated incompatibility linked to MIA: villitis of unclear cause (40) and maternal flooring infarction/massive perivillous deposit of fibrin (41). Another illness route linked to FIR similarly reflects the immunological intolerance seen in early pregnancy, similar to MIA (39). Both pathogen-associated communicable illnesses and non-communicable immune incompatible processes of disease must be taken into account when developing a differential diagnosis.

IPS is linked to impaired angiogenesis in the functioning hemochorial placenta when the secondary yolk sac is substituted after 10–12 weeks of gestation. Maternal or fetal malperfusion lesions linked to IPS may lead to severe fetal brain damage. Increased dangers arise when fetal development requirements increase during the later part of gestation. Etiopathogenesis encompasses illness processes initiated by factors from the first trimester. Abnormal precursor trophoblastic development will result in compromised placental vasculature linked to maternal decidual or fetal villous circulation. Resultant brain damage may coexist with pre-existing aberrant prenatal brain alterations produced by MIA (38, 42).

FIR denotes two types of inflammatory reactions seen during early or late pregnancy (39). The previously outlined illness process resulting in miscarriage is characterized as an MIA-related brain disease pathway associated with immunological incompatibility. Subsequent manifestations of FIR often arise from ascending vaginal infections that penetrate the placental membranes. The progression of this condition affects the onset of labor, leading to preterm or poor full-term births linked to fetal brain damage. The etiopathogenesis linked to FIR-related brain damage involves a combination of hypoxia-ischemia and the detrimental effects of inflammatory mediators on neuronal structure and function, manifested by compromised placental and fetal blood-brain barriers (43). Early first-trimester cord abnormalities and uterine myometrial lesions further increase the odds of unfavorable outcomes when paired with MIA, IPS, or FIR effects throughout the pregnancy.

Understanding reproductive and early MPF triad circumstances enhances the trainee's recognition of the cumulative detrimental impacts on early fetal brain development and function post-fertilization and early placentation. Maldevelopment of transitory structures, such as those in the ganglionic eminence or subventricular as well as subplate zones during the first half of gestation, leads to subsequent detrimental consequences when cortical and subcortical structures mature in the latter half of pregnancy (3). An exhaustive etiopathogenetic strategy must account for the interconnected disease pathways of the MPF triad, which are consistently affected by TSI over three trimesters. Maternal illnesses, both communicable and non-communicable, together with adversities, lead to detrimental prenatal exposome consequences manifested as fetal brain damage. Knowledge of the impact of prenatal multisystemic diseases is crucial, since they may lead to subsequent fetal brain damage, shown by cardiac, pulmonary, gastrointestinal, and renal abnormalities. These subjects have been elaborated upon in other sources (3).

Familiarity with the four established levels of maternal care equips trainees with insights into contemporary obstetrical practices that recognize and address pregnancy-related hazards. The reproductive health of each woman and her partner before pregnancy must be evaluated when determining the appropriate degree of treatment. Investigations are underway about suggested enhancements via risk stratification by assigning risk-appropriate options (44, 45). Childhood illnesses and difficulties experienced by parents may hinder fertilization prior to pregnancy. Abnormalities in early placentation during the first trimester led to diseases of the embryonic and fetal brain. These dangers must be expected, especially for unwanted births, regardless of whether in high-income or low-to-moderate resource nations (46). Adolescents of reproductive age constitute a vulnerable demographic of young women who often require high-risk prenatal care (47). Preconception testing aids in maintaining or enhancing early pregnancy health for women of all ages, especially for couples pursuing medical therapies for infertility. Enhanced diagnostic methods will facilitate the anticipation of hazards associated with fetal brain damage stemming from MPF triad disorders identified during the first half of pregnancy.

Consultations for fetal neurology in the second and third trimesters may be necessary when difficulties are more clearly diagnosed. Adverse effects on MPF triad health often manifest nearer to birth, potentially disrupting parturition physiology (48). Time-sensitive illnesses in the later stages of pregnancy may lead to detrimental fetal brain damage. Systemic maternal diseases correlate with fetal brain damage, including hypertensive, diabetic, infectious, autoimmune, and mental health conditions. Negative results may arise even with adequately effective medical therapies addressing visible clinical indications, resulting in restricted diagnostic and therapeutic alternatives (3, 18). Primary neurological illnesses in women, including intellectual impairments, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, and neuromuscular diseases, provide heightened hazards, especially when coupled with multisystemic conditions seen during pregnancy, such as hypertension and diabetes. Complex MPF triad problems often include many clinical pathways that together heighten risks for women, leading to detrimental consequences on their offspring and resulting in fetal brain damage (49).

Clinical conditions encountered in the later stages of pregnancy can benefit from interdisciplinary talks including genetics, fetal imaging, and multidisciplinary maternal-fetal care. Although fetal neurology consults may not be officially solicited, FNN training enhances the expertise of fetal neurologists throughout their involvement in obstetrical and neonatal multidisciplinary talks and conferences. Neurological views may affect pregnancy treatment tactics and prognosis forecasts, especially in complicated medical scenarios (50). Trainees acquire critical knowledge of prenatal medical or surgical intervention options pertinent to the medical services offered at a given obstetrical-pediatric medical facility. Consideration must be given to specific fetal medical-surgical interventions, vaginal vs cesarean birth choices, and departure protocols. Fetal transfusion therapies, fetal neurosurgery repair of dorsal neural tube abnormalities, and excision of a cystic hygroma demonstrate interventions provided during complex pregnancies in quaternary obstetrical-pediatric hospitals. Ongoing research is focused on innovative neuroprotective rescue techniques that highlight the significance of preventative rescue and reparative therapy alternatives before the child's birth (51, 52).

Summary

The successful execution of this strategy necessitates global peace and prosperity. Regrettably, issues continue due to ongoing global bio-social adversity. The reduction of poverty and associated deprivations is a critical objective necessary for enhancing brain health via education and collaboration among all stakeholders. Bio-social interventions may mitigate inequality, stimulate economic development, and alleviate the negative impacts of climate change. Recent polycrisis occurrences, like the Covid epidemic and regional armed conflicts, underscore the pressing need to advocate for universal healthcare policy to safeguard brain health.

Proposed global synergistic activities will incorporate four essential components to address healthcare: surveillance, preventive, acute treatments, and rehabilitation. Through persistent collaboration, all stakeholders may more effectively implement these measures to alleviate the worldwide burden of neurological diseases. These initiatives may more efficiently provide favorable neurological consequences via creativity, focus, receptiveness, and innovation. This evaluation of a suggested FNN training program curriculum presents an educational strategy necessitating seasoned instructors, educational resources, and driven trainees. A hub concept of an academic medical center may enhance brain health advancements by offering instructional leadership to smaller medical institutions. A suggested committee structure would thoroughly address integrative medical care, educational, and research goals across several disciplines.

Priorities for achieving these goals must first focus on disadvantaged mothers and children who have encountered sickness and hardship. Neurological sequelae manifest throughout life, hence constituting the neurological load from disorders that older children and adults will encounter due to early sickness or trauma. The suggested FNN training program would enhance interdisciplinary healthcare collaboration by using the notion of a dynamic neural exposome across the lifetime to maintain or recover brain health. This evidence-based agenda will aid in mitigating or preventing TSI consequences, decreasing mortality, and alleviating neurological morbidities in older age and across decades.

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الملخص

الخلفية:

يُعَد طب الأم والجنين وطب حديثي الولادة مجالين محوريين في إدارة حالات الحمل عالية الخطورة ورعاية الرضع الخدج. تركز الابتكارات الحديثة في هذه المجالات على أهمية النهج متعدد التخصصات لتحسين النتائج الصحية للفئات الضعيفة، لا سيما فيما يتعلق بصحة الدماغ على مدى الحياة.

المنهجية:

يقدم هذا الاستعراض تحليلاً للأدبيات الحديثة حول التطورات في طب الأم والجنين وطب حديثي الولادة، مع التركيز على المنهجيات والاستراتيجيات التي تعزز رعاية الحمل عالي الخطورة والرضع الخدج. تم إجراء بحث شامل في عدة قواعد بيانات، بما في ذلك PubMedو Scopus وScopus، مع التركيز على الدراسات المنشورة بين عامي 2018 و2023.

النتائج:

تشير النتائج إلى أن دمج علم الأعصاب الجنيني وحديثي الولادة (FNN) في الممارسات السريرية يعزز بشكل كبير من دقة التشخيص والتدخلات العلاجية. يكشف تبني منظور التعرضات البيئية مدى الحياة (life-course exposome) أن التعرضات المبكرة قد يكون لها تأثيرات دائمة على صحة الدماغ، مما يستلزم استراتيجيات مبكرة لتحديد المشكلات والتدخل العلاجي. علاوة على ذلك، تؤكد الدر اسات على الحاجة إلى تدريب متخصص في علم الأعصاب الجنيني وحديثي الولادة لتزويد المتخصصين في الرعاية الصحية بالمهارات اللازمة للتعامل مع تعقيدات الرعاية قبل الولادة وفي الفترة المحيطة بالولادة.

الاستنتاج:

تؤكد الابتكارات في طب الأم والجنين وطب حديثي الولادة على أهمية النهج التعاوني متعدد التخصصات في إدارة حالات الحمل عالية الخطورة ورعاية الرضع الخدج. هناك حاجة ملحة إلى برامج تعليمية تُدمج فيها مبادئ علم الأعصاب الجنيني وحديثي الولادة لضمان تأهيل مقدمي الرعاية الصحية بشكل كافٍ لتحسين نتائج الأمهات وأطفالهن. يجب أن تركز الأبحاث المستقبلية على توسيع هذه الأطر التعليمية وتقييم تأثيرها على الممارسات السريرية.

الكلمات المفتاحية : طب الأم والجنين، طب حديثي الولادة، الحمل عالى الخطورة، صحة الدماغ، التعاون متعدد التخصصات.