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Exposure to environmental and lifestyle factors during the prenatal, or even preconception period may have an impact on the course and outcome of pregnancy, while the same during the first years of life can affect a child's development and health across their whole life's course. At present, special attention is focused on *endocrine disrupting chemicals* (EDCs); however, there is still concern about the health impact of air pollution, climate change, heavy metals, and life-style related factors, including diet and nutrition, physical activity, substance abuse, as well as tobacco smoke. The social context and genetic susceptibility need to also be considered. All of the mentioned factors interact with each other and should be considered as part of the complex exposure that may affect offspring, causing adverse health effects.

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