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JOGNN's Editor in Chief examines the responsible use of citations and references, with attention to the influence of artificial intelligence and common errors.

Joyce K. Edmonds

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The authors of this meta-analysis concluded that the birthing ball can be used safely in labor as a non-pharmacologic, low-cost intervention in women with low-risk pregnancies.

Ellise D. Adams

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Persistent gaps in reproductive health data across the lifespan constrain clinical care, public health surveillance, and research.

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The One Big Beautiful Bill Act is expected to affect Medicaid funding and eligibility, the delivery of perinatal care services, and related outcomes.

Abigail Reese, Nicholas Edwardson, Sharon Ruyak, and Mindy B. Tinkle

BRIEF REPORT

- 143 **Outcomes Related to the Use of Intrauterine Devices Inserted Immediately After Birth**

Participants experienced low removal and expulsion rates of intrauterine devices that were inserted immediately after delivery of the placenta.

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Erin Allbaugh-Murders, Martha O. Rojo, and Nirvana Manning

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- 149 **Meta-ethnography of the Breastfeeding Experiences of Women in the Workforce**

The identified factors that shaped the breastfeeding experiences of the participants in the included articles emphasize the need for targeted interventions and workplace policies to optimize breastfeeding experiences and outcomes among women in the workforce.

Confidence Chekwubechukwu Francis-Edoziuno, Ashwag Alhabodal, Anita Frimpomaa Oppong, Ruth F. Lucas, and Cheryl Tatano Beck

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Strengthening health literacy among pregnant women in developing countries requires participatory, culturally responsive, and sustainable interventions to promote antenatal care engagement and improve long-term maternal and neonatal health outcomes.

Zama Mkhonta, Yu-Yun Hsu, and Maggie Dumsile Dlamini

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Precepting in midwifery offers professional renewal but can heighten burnout, which highlights the need for system-level support to sustain workforce stability and clinical education.

Amy Alspaugh, E. Brie Thumm, Julie Blumenfeld, and Laura D. Lindberg

183 **Awareness of the Vaginal Microbiome and Willingness to Undergo Vaginal Microbiota Transplant**

Most respondents were unaware of vaginal microbiota transplant, but more than half were willing to undergo the procedure if safety, logistics, and donor health were addressed.

Ellie Kroeger, Caeli Malloy, Chen X. Chen, Kaboni Whitney Gondwe, and Kendra Kamp

191 **Care Coordination During Pregnancy and Maternal Health Outcomes in a Medicaid Population**

Obstetric care coordination may promote maternal health and timely postpartum care; in this study, it was positively associated with emergency department admission and inadequate prenatal care.

David C. Mallinson, Kate H. Gillespie, Yamikani B. Nkhoma-Mussa, and Madelyne Z. Greene

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207 **The Ongoing Imperative to Recognize and Support Maternal–Infant Interaction**

The authors recommend evidence-based health and social policies for nursing and clinical practice to mitigate challenges to high-quality maternal–infant interaction.

June Andrews Horowitz, Carol Shieh, Linda Clark Amankwaa, Azza H. Ahmed, Dorothy Vittner, and Wilaiporn Rojjanasrirat

ARTICLES ONLINE

Access these and all articles at <http://jognn.org>.

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e1 **Continuous Labor Support Position Statement**

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AWHONN PRACTICE BRIEF

e5 **Emergency and All-Hazards Preparedness: AWHONN Practice Brief Number 22**

An official practice brief from the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses