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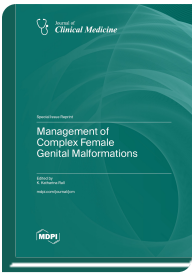

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The objective of this Special Issue was to develop and evaluate the concepts, strategies, and outcomes necessary to improve access to quality care for women suffering from complex genital malformations by taking into account the impact of primary care and patient empowerment, as well as to optimize the interdisciplinary approach.

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