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Investigating the role of pelvic floor physiotherapy in preventing and treating pelvic floor symptoms among patients with gynecological conditions

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Introduction: Pelvic floor physiotherapy (PFPT) is a specialized physical therapy designed to strengthen and relax the pelvic floor muscles. These muscles support the bladder, bowel, and, in women, the uterus, playing a key role in continence and sexual function. PFPT is particularly important for patients with gynecological conditions, helping to prevent and treat pelvic floor dysfunction.

Role of Pelvic Floor Physiotherapy Prevention: PFPT is beneficial for high-risk groups such as pregnant women or those undergoing gynecological surgery. Regular pelvic floor exercises help prevent conditions like incontinence and prolapse. Evidence-Based Benefits: Research shows PFPT effectively treats urinary and fecal incontinence, pelvic organ prolapses, and chronic pelvic pain, leading to significant symptom improvement.

Clinical Evidence: Case studies and clinical trials highlight PFPT's effectiveness in managing pelvic floor dysfunction. For instance, postpartum women have reported significant improvement in urinary incontinence after PFPT. Systematic reviews also confirm its success in reducing prolapse and incontinence symptoms in women.

Integration with Other Treatments: PFPT can complement medications, surgery, and lifestyle changes in a multidisciplinary care approach. Collaboration among physiotherapists, gynecologists, and other healthcare providers ensures comprehensive care tailored to individual needs.

Challenges and Considerations: Barriers to PFPT access include cost, availability of trained therapists, and lack of awareness. Educating patients about the benefits of PFPT is vital for wider adoption.

Biography

Bhavna Anand is an Assistant Professor at the Amity Institute of Physiotherapy, Amity University, Noida. With expertise in pelvic floor physiotherapy, her research focuses on the prevention and treatment of pelvic floor symptoms, particularly among patients with gynecological conditions. She is committed to advancing knowledge in the field and promoting the benefits of physiotherapy in enhancing women's health and well-being.