In 2010 GA Santoro, AP Wieczorek, and CI Bartram edited a comprehensive new textbook entitled Pelvic Floor Disorders Imaging and Multidisciplinary Approach to Management. This work is published by Springer and contains contributions from many of the most renowned International pelvic physicians and surgeons. The work presents a special emphasis on the role of diagnostic imaging.

Pelviperineology is pleased to announce that we will be publishing a series of articles highlighting the different sections of this landmark book in the months to come.

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This is a multidisciplinarity book. It is written by urologists, colorectal surgeons, gynecologists and physiotherapists and supports the concept that the approach to the pelvic floor and pelvic floor disorders should be multidisciplinary.

The International Society for Pelviperineology through our journal is proud to support this work and commend it to our readers. We hope you enjoy the forthcoming articles and will be motivated to obtain your own copy of the book.

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Pelvic Floor Disorders Imaging and Multidisciplinary Approach to Management

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Q: What are pelvic floor disorders? Pelvic floor disorders are commonly associated with women. But men can also have pelvic floor disorders. There are many ways to tell that you may have pelvic floor disorder, according to the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Common symptoms listed include:

Pelvic floor disorders are caused by strain. This can be strain over time or strain from a specific event. So sometimes, there may be nothing you can do to prevent it. In other situations, you may be able to prevent pelvic floor disorders from happening.