The last four decades have witnessed great advances in the understanding and management of pelvic fracture urethral injury and its sequelae. This Special Issue of the Arab Journal of Urology provides a single source of up-to-date information about the incidence, mechanism, risk factors and classification of pelvic fracture urethral injuries, the management of the acute setting of urethral injury, different procedures for delayed repair, how to optimise the outcome after repair, and how to evaluate the postoperative result, including unsuccessful cases. Also, there is a comprehensive discussion of complex cases as well as pelvic fracture-related incompetence of the bladder neck. The need for referral centres for evaluation and treatment of such cases seems entirely apparent, and Italy is given as an example. Furthermore, pelvic fracture urethral injury in children is addressed. In addition, this issue illustrates the current status of pelvic trauma-related erectile dysfunction and mechanism of continence after posterior urethroplasty. All articles are believed to be timely and most pertinent.

The articles contained in this Special Issue are written by world-wide experts in this field of urology and each is uniquely qualified to report on their area of expertise. It is anticipated that this Special Issue will continue to serve as a guide and resource for those interested in this exciting field of urology. The consideration of such an important subject by many authors inevitably tends to repetition and overlap; we have endeavoured to minimise this and we are grateful for those who have graciously accepted omissions and changes in their original manuscripts.

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