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The placenta: traditions, physiological functions and new horizons

## **ABSTRACT**

The placenta is an organ as wonderful and very important at the same time, unites and divides each mother to her child, for this reason must be given the right value from the point of view of biological history and culture. Through an intensive literature search I was able to document about the subject and so take different values and meanings attributed to the placenta, so going to realize that it is not only the organ of exchange between mother and fetus, but it is much more. The placenta is the organ of communication that makes up the channel attachment between mother and child, creating already during the months of gestation, the close bond that unites them and that will continue even after birth. To allow this to happen, the midwife, they should refer the woman to let go, to be guided by their emotions, to take her child in her arms, to create the first skin to skin contact, to meet his eyes and bring it closer to breast, so that endogenous oxytocin is produced and the woman will be able to second physiologically.