

# FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CHOICE FOR OBSTETRIC DELIVERY AMONG PREGNANT WOMEN IN IKENNE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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## Abstract

**Objectives** Maternal and Child Health Outcomes have been considered a serious global concern in recent times, especially for low to middle-income countries like Nigeria. The aim of the study was to identify factors associated with the choice of obstetric delivery among pregnant women in a local community of Ikenne LG, Nigeria. **Design** The study used a validated 32-item questionnaire to gather demographic information, knowledge about obstetric care, and participants' experiences. It involved 200 pregnant women from Ikenne LG and collected data through an Interviewer-Administered method. **Setting** A health education sensitization program and administration of questionnaires were conducted at the health facilities. **Population or Sample** **Methods** Pregnant women in Ikenne local government, Ogun state, Nigeria, are surveyed on demographic characteristics, pregnancy outcomes, personal risk choice, knowledge of OB delivery services, and obstetric history. **Main outcome** They are classified into two independent variables and dependent variables. **Measures** The researcher reviewed and edited questionnaires, with a trained assistant available for completeness. The SPSS Package was used for data analysis. **Results** The study revealed that 73% of participants had their last deliveries in a hospital, with factors like previous deliveries, recommendations, government approval, and proximity influencing birthplace choices. **Conclusions** In conclusion, factors associated with the choice of delivery facilities included knowledge, recommendation, proximity, and perception of risk involved.

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