

Are Immigrant Women Satisfied With Their Pregnancy Care? A Prospective Multicenter Study in Türkiye

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Abstract

Objective Migration for pregnant women can be challenging. Access to adequate and respectful care might not be attainable. We aimed to assess the maternity care that immigrant women are receiving, and their satisfaction with the care they experience. **Methods** This multicenter, prospective study was conducted between April 2023 and July 2023 in a tertiary public hospital and a private Hospital in Istanbul. All data were collected face to face in the postpartum in-patient clinics. **Results** A total of 267 patients took part in the study. A majority of these patients delivered in the public hospital (75%). Around 21% of deliveries in both hospitals were with foreign mothers. A majority of the patients (82%) in the public hospital said they easily reached a midwife, nurse and an obstetrician, while this number rose to 100% in the private hospital. Patients in the public hospital were less informed on different maternity topics compared to the private hospital group. Most of the patients said their ideas and thoughts were taken seriously by the health care providers (80% and 97%, in the public and private hospitals respectively). Almost all patients recommended giving birth in the same hospital (94% vs 96%, public and private hospital, respectively); while around 99% recommended giving birth in Türkiye. **Conclusion** Access to adequate and respectful maternity care is a human right and has to be provided to all, regardless of any language, cultural or social differences.

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