

Extended Abstract

Respectful maternity care: Women's perspective of disrespect and abuse during pregnancy, labour, and birth in Imo State, Nigeria

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Abstract:

Statement of Purpose:

With a Maternal Mortality Ratio of 576 per 100,000 live births in 2013, Nigeria contributes a disproportionately high number of maternal deaths to the global burden. In Nigeria, only 38% of deliveries occur at a health facility, and health-facility delivery has been associated with better health outcomes. Disrespect and abuse of mothers during pregnancy, labour, and birth is a serious global public health issue and has been documented as a deterrent for health facility use. This study will explore women's perspective of disrespect and abuse during maternity care in Imo state, Nigeria, and how this influences their future health-seeking behaviors.

Methodology & Theoretical Orientation:

Participants would be purposively recruited from women who have received maternity care (in pregnancy, labour, and birth) for at least one completed gestation from a health facility in Imo state Nigeria. All participants must have experienced one or more disrespectful or abusive care. A phenomenological study would be conducted using in-depth interviews for the participants till a data saturation is attained. Audio recordings of the interviews would be transcribed and analyzed using a six-stage thematic analysis in accordance with the phenomenological approach.

Biography:

Uchenna Gwacham-Anisiobi is a Medical Doctor and a public health enthusiast with interests in health promotion, Healthcare Quality Improvement, Maternal and Newborn Health, as well as Health systems strengthening. She is particularly passionate about maternal and newborn health; improving the indices in Nigeria and other Low-Middle-Income Countries. Uchenna is committed to continuous health systems improvement and aspires to be a part of the innovative solutions which will make healthcare safer across the continuum. She is currently pursuing her master's degree at the University of Liverpool (online) in Public Health – Management of Health systems. She is a Fellow of the International Society for Quality in Health Care.