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Pregnancy information utilized by pregnant women in the cantons of Geneva and Zurich

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No longer recruiting

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Overall study status
Completed

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Condition category
Pregnancy and Childbirth

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Plain English summary of protocol

Background and study aims
Healthcare during pregnancy and childbirth have been found to be very different between migrants and the host population. Studies have reported that there is a higher risk of preterm bitch and complications (such as low birth weight and/or the need for care in hospital) in the migrant population. These findings are in line with the Swiss literature of the last two decades. In a recent study, Villadsen and colleagues suggested that the increased risk of negative pregnancy and childbirth outcomes might be among others due to inadequate provision and use of care. To use health care adequately health literacy (the ability to obtain, read and understand information about healthcare) is crucial. Therefore the first important step for pregnant women and their families is to find information and services, which are useful to ensure good health for mother and child. To our knowledge, until now no study in Switzerland has evaluated what information during pregnancy are useful for Swiss and migrant women. The aim of this study therefore is to find out the kind of information used and rated as beneficial by migrant and Swiss women during pregnancy and childbirth.

Who can participate?
Women aged 18 years and over who are at least 36 weeks pregnant or who are in the first 12 months after having given birth in the city of Zurich or Geneva.

What does the study involve?
All women are invited to complere a structured, anonymous questionnaire about their knowledge and use of healthcare resources during their pregnancy, as well as their opinions about the care they received. The questionnaire takes around 20 minutes to complete. The results of the study are then compared between Swiss nationals and migrant women.

What are the possible benefits and risks of participating?
There are no direct benefits or risks involved for those taking part in this study.

Where is the study run from?
1. University Hospitals of Geneva (Switzerland)
2. University Hospital Zurich (Switzerland)

When is the study starting and how long is it expected to run for?
January 2016 to December 2016

Who is funding the study?
University Hospital Geneva (Switzerland)

Who is the main contact?
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Contact information

Type(s)
Scientific

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Protocol serial number
2016-00513

Study information

Scientific Title
Utilization and utility of pregnancy information for women during pregnancy in the cantons of Geneva an Zurich

Acronym
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Study objectives
Non-Swiss women use less or other information during pregnancy than Swiss nationals and participate less in pregnancy activities.

Ethics approval required
Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)
1. Ethical Commission of the Canton of Geneva, 09/06/2016, ref: 2016-00513
2. Ethical Commission of the University Hospital of Zurich, 09/06/2016

Study design
Prospective cross sectional study

Primary study design
Observational

Study type(s)
Other

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied
Pregnancy

Interventions
The study will be conducted at the postpartum or the antenatal clinic ward in the Department of Obstetrics at the University Hospital of Geneva or the University of Zurich respectively. All women who fullfill the inclusion criteria will be invited after written consent to respond to a structured questionnaire exploring the knowledge and utilization of obstetric resources, but also experiences of care recieved. The questionnaire will be available in 8 of the predominant languages of the study site. The time to fill out the survey is approximatley 20 minutes.
There is no follow up after completion of the study survey.

Intervention Type
Other

Primary outcome(s)
Information utilized by participants and participation in birth preparation activities is measured through the structured questionnaire designed for the purpose of this study at the study visit.

Key secondary outcome(s))
Feelings of being well-informed and by what means is measured though the structured questionnaire designed for the purpose of this study at the study visit.

Completion date
31/12/2016

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria
1. Women who are at least 18 years of age
2. Women who are at least 36 weeks pregnant or who are in the first 12 months after having given birth in the city of Zurich or Geneva

Participant type(s)
Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed
No

Age group
Adult

Lower age limit
18 years

Sex
Female

Key exclusion criteria
1. Women who have experienced stillbirth or whose baby is currently hospitalized at the neonatal ward
2. Women who are pregnant but hospitalized at the antenatal ward because of medical problems during their pregnancy

Date of first enrolment
20/06/2016

Date of final enrolment
30/10/2016

Locations

Countries of recruitment
Switzerland

Study participating centre
University Hospital Geneva
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University Hospital Zurich
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Sponsor information

Organisation
Federal Office of Health

ROR
https://ror.org/01qtc5416

Funder(s)

Funder type
Hospital/treatment centre

Funder Name
University Hospital Geneva

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary
Available on request

Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
Participant information sheet	Participant information sheet	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes