



Title: Chinese Women's Experiences with Caesarean Sections during Labor

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Background: The latest data from WHO suggests that nearly 50% of Chinese women choose caesarean sections during labor delivery which is about three times higher than WHO's recommended proportion of 15%. In fact, China has been cited as having the highest rates of C-sections in the world. **Objective:** This proposed study is trying to find out some possible factors which may be related to high caesarean sections rate among Chinese women. **Method:** This is a qualitative study. In-depth interviews will be used in this study in order to better understand Chinese women's perspective of caesarean sections and why they choose caesarean sections instead of vaginal labor. **Participants** will be recruited in three local hospitals in Shanghai, China. **Results:** The interview transcripts will be coded and analyzed to get the sociodemographic characteristics of participants. Main themes from participants' responses will be defined. Any new categories developed during the interview will be emerged as additional themes as well. **Conclusions:** This study is one of the very few studies focusing on high caesarean sections labor rate among Chinese women. The qualitatively experiences of Chinese women seeking caesarean sections presented in this study will provide extremely important and useful information for future policy making and intervention.

Biography

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