**Factors affecting utilization of antenatal health care services among**

**pregnant women in public hospitals of Multan, Pakistan**

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**ABSTRACT**

This descriptive cross sectional survey was conducted to measure the factors affecting utilization of antenatal health care services among pregnant women in public hospitals of Multan, Pakistan. The results of the analysis divulged that high education level, being employed, having high monthly income and less number of children becomes the provoking factors towards utilization of antenatal heath care services among pregnant women. Moreover, the pregnant women who occasionally take advice from doctor about routine vaccination and face complications during the period of pregnancy utilized better antenatal health care services. It is concluded that utilization of antenatal heath care services are fluctuated by education, employment, monthly income, number of children, vaccination provision, utilization of new biomedical methods and complications during pregnancy. The results suggested that persistent provision of health care visits to pregnant women and availability of biomedical technologies can improve the level of AHC services among pregnant women.

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