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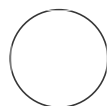
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🌐 Online Survey Among Pregnant Women With Medical Indication Or Wish For Elective Caesarean Section On Second Opinions In Germany: Study Protocol

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ABSTRACT

Background: Caesarean section (CS) rates have been continuously rising worldwide over the last decade without being accompanied by significant health benefits. Various approaches are discussed internationally to limit the proportion of caesarean deliveries to the necessary cases. The proposed study aims to assess the perspective of pregnant women with medical indication or wish for elective CS on second opinions. The goal is to examine whether they consider a second opinion useful to facilitate their decision-making and/or certainty for the mode of delivery, and under which circumstances they would seek a second opinion.

Methods: The study population will comprise adult pregnant women (18 years or older) with medical indication or wish for elective CS (both currently pregnant women and persons for whom the indication was given in a past pregnancy). The survey will be conducted online and the data will be evaluated using quantitative descriptive analysis.

Discussion: The survey is an opportunity to get a comprehensive picture from the perspective of pregnant women. In combination with our survey of health professionals it paves the way for following research in this area. The results might be limited by a possible selection bias of the study population.

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