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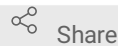
Online Survey Among Medical Professionals on Second Opinions in the Indication for Elective Caesarean Sections in Germany: Study Protocol

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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 medical professionals' perspective, if second opinions should be used as a tool to reduce unnecessary CS. The goal is to examine criteria for or against obtaining a second medical opinion when an elective CS is indicated.

Methods:

The study population will comprise established (prospective) gynecologists and midwives. The anonymous 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 professional perspective and paves the way for following research in this area. The results might be limited by a possible selection bias of the study population.

Ethics: Ethical approval for the study was obtained by the Medical Ethics Committee of the University of Witten/Herdecke. Results will be published in a relevant scientific journal and communicated to interested participants (when demanded).

Ethical approval date: 15.07.2022 (S-127/2022)

Estimated start of the survey: September 2022.

Detailed information on our protocol can be found in the attached PDF file.

ATTACHMENTS

[Study_Protocol_Second
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