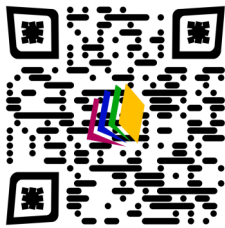


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Reproductive Health Status of Tribal Women in Odisha: A Study of Pre and Post Natal Health Care of Tribal Mother and Their Quality of Life in Harichandanpur Block of Keonjhar District

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ABSTRACT:

Health status of tribal women in India is greatly determined by the quality of pre and post natal quality health care. Tribal women morbidity is high in India and in Odisha due to absence of any proper maternal health care which is less studied and the present paper is an attempt to understand and comprehend the conflicting current of the issue at the micro level in Harichandanpur Block of Keonjhar district in Odisha. The quality of life of tribal mothers during pre and post natal stage is very important to access their actual health status. Maternal health care at this stage is extremely important as it witness physical, emotional and social changes, which affect their reproductive health. The objective of this paper is to investigate and examine the quality of life of tribal mother in Harichandanpur block of Keonjhar district during both pre and post natal period. Attempt also has been made to examine and highlight the determinant variables impacting their quality of life and health status.

KEY WORDS: Reproductive health, Women Morbidity, Gender Equity, Antenatal Care, Tribal Mother, Cultural Fabric.

Introduction

Health status of tribal population is largely noticed to be in a deplorable condition due to their inaccessibility to modern health care facilities. Besides the poor health condition of tribal people in general is greatly influenced by insanitary conditions, lack of personal hygiene, and lack of awareness. The health status of tribal women particularly the reproductive health in India and Odisha in particular is highly alarming one and major public health issues.

A sound maternal health care and quality of life of pregnant women both at ante natal and post natal steps refers to a complete state of complete physical, mental and social well being. Maternal health care includes varied aspects of women health care such as family planning,