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Post-partum depression in women with IVF pregnancy

### **ABSTRACT**

This thesis aims to determine whether women who have conceived using IVF techniques are more prone to develop symptoms of post-partum depression compared to pregnant women with spontaneous onset. Were compared two groups of 20 women: the first with IVF pregnancy, the other with natural conception. To the mothers of both groups was administered the questionnaire EPDS ( Edinburgh postnatal Depression Scale) at 3 days and 5 weeks post-partum and underwent an interview regarding some risk factors of post-partum depression.

Although the sample with IVF pregnancy has totaled EPDS' scores slightly higher than the control group, the results suggest that the use of this technique has not a significant influence in the onset of depressive symptoms in post-partum.