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Birth path between foreign women.

ABSTRACT

The aim of this thesis is to determine if in Turin hospitals exists unequal treatment and possible prejudiced treatments between Italian women and foreign women, for reasons related to culture, customs and traditions of the country of destination, and for reasons related to language barriers.

For this study were conducted 10 semi-structured interviews with a sample of foreign women and 10 interviews with midwives currently employed in two hospitals in Turin: OIRM Sant'Anna and Maria Vittoria.

In the first group of interviews was asked if foreign women in their path of pregnancy have received direct or indirect discrimination, and to midwives were asked if they had received different treatments against foreign by other health professionals, and what are the difficulties that they sometimes encounter offering assistance to these women.

For interviews was used a digital voice recorder, then the texts of the interviews were transcribed and analyzed.

The women did not reveal many episodes of directly perception of prejudiced attitudes, but have emerged insights in terms of organizational culture.

At the same midwives reported an high frequency of disparity in treatment of pregnant women and very strong foreign communication barriers.