INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A RESEARCH PROJECT

WOMEN'S CHILDBIRTH EXPERIENCES AND SATISFACTION

You are invited to participate in a research project being conducted at St. Olavs hospital. In this project, we are asking women how they experienced the health care they received during their labour and childbirth at the hospital. We are interested in exploring if there are differences in experiences and satisfaction between Norwegian-born women and immigrant women.

Participating in this project is voluntary. We want to inform you about what participation would mean for you before you decide if you want to participate. Please take the time to read the information in this document carefully before making your decision about participating in this study. You are welcome to contact us if anything is unclear in this document, or if you would like any additional information about the project.

WHAT IS THE PROJECT ABOUT?

The purpose of this project is to gain knowledge about the interactions between health professionals and patients during labour and childbirth. We will explore various factors that influence a woman's satisfaction with birth experience by looking at differences such as age, nationality, or an individual's birth expectations.

All women who agree to participate in the project will be asked to complete a questionnaire. The questionnaire will include questions about your initial meeting with the maternity ward when you arrived at St. Olavs hospital, how you experienced your labour and birth, your expectations about the labour and birth, past birth experiences, past and present life experiences, challenges and worries, and some specific information about your background, such as the languages you speak and who you live with. We expect the questionnaire with take approximately 30 minutes to complete, but you can spend as much time as you need on it. We would like the questionnaire to be completed within a few days after childbirth. Choosing to participate in the study will not change your health care in any way.

In addition to the information you provide by completing the questionnaire, we also ask for your consent to obtain some information about you, the labour and birth, and your newborn baby from the hospital's birth registry (for example, information about the use of pain relief during labour and your baby's birthweight).

POSSIBLE BENEFITS AND RISKS/BURDENS OF TAKING PART IN THE PROJECT

The questionnaire contains some questions that ask for personal information that you may feel is sensitive or confidential. As a participant in the project, you do not have to answer any questions you feel are too personal. Also, if any questions trigger an emotional reaction from you, the staff at the maternity ward will be available to support you. You can contact the senior consultant who is part of this study team, Elisabeth Magnussen (telephone: 92205929).

The project has no direct benefits for you as a participant, but we hope the study will help us to improve childbirth health services for diverse populations giving birth in Norway.

VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION AND POSSIBILITY TO WITHDRAW CONSENT

Participation in the project is voluntary. If you wish to participate, please sign the consent form on the last page of this document. You can withdraw your consent at any time and without the need to give us any reason. This will not have any consequences for your health care.

If you decide to withdraw participation in the project, you can demand that the data collected about you be deleted unless the data has already been analysed or used in scientific publications. If you wish to withdraw consent at a later point, or have questions regarding the project, you can contact Jennifer Infanti (telephone: 94721964).

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE INFORMATION ABOUT YOU?

Any personal data that has been recorded about you will only be used as described in the purpose of the project. You have the right to access information that has been recorded about you and the right to stipulate that any error(s) in the information that is recorded is/are corrected. You also have the right to know which security measures have been/will be taken when your personal data concerning health is processed.

All information will be processed and used without your name or personal identification number, or any other information that is directly identifiable to you. A code links you and your personal data concerning health via an identifier list. Only Jennifer Infanti (project manager), Kristin Reppen (medical/research student), and the project's research-midwife will have access to this list.

There is a possibility that the data from the study will be reused at a later date for further analysis. This applies only to the anonymous database that will not contain information that can identify you personally.

Information about you will be anonymised and deleted five years after the project has ended.

INSURANCE

Participation in the study does not involve any known risk of injury, but if any injury should occur, it will be covered by the Patient Injuries Act (Pasientskadeloven).

FOLLOW-UP PROJECT

In addition to this questionnaire study, we are also working on an interview-based study to learn more about women's labour and birth experiences. If you would like to potentially participate in an interview with one or our researchers at a future date, please check the box to indicate this on the last page of this document so that we can contact you. We will explain the details of the interview study when we contact you. After giving you this information, you are free to choose to participate or not in the interview study.

APPROVAL

The Regional Committee for Medical and Health Research Ethics has reviewed and approved the Research Project (31332/2020 REK midt).

In accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation the controller NTNU and the project manager Jennifer Infanti are independently responsible to ensure that the processing of your personal data concerning health has a legal basis. This project has legal basis in accordance with the EUs General Data Protection Regulation, article 6 no. 1a, article 9 no. 2a and your consent.

You have the right to submit a complaint on the processing of your personal health data concerning health to the Norwegian Data Inspectorate (Datatilsynet).

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the research project, you can contact the project leader, Jennifer Infanti (telephone: 94721964, e-mail: jennifer.infanti@ntnu.no or senior consultant, Elisabeth Magnussen (telephone: 92205929, e-mail: Elisabeth.Balstad.Magnussen@stolav.no).

You can also get in touch with the Institution's Data Protection Officer (Personvernombud) if you have any questions related to the use of your personal health data concerning health in the research project: Sevian Stenvig (e-mail: personvernombudet@stolav.no).

CONSENT FORM

I CONSENT TO PARTICIPATING IN THE RESEARCH PROJECT AND THAT MY PERSONAL DATA CAN BE USED AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

Place and date

Participant's signature

Participant's name in BLOCK LETTERS

I would like to be contacted by a researcher at a later date for information about participation in an interview about my labour and birth experience. I understand that I can choose not to participant in the interview study at this time.

Place a cross in the box if you agree: ☐

Signeres av forsker/ansatt:

Jeg bekrefter å ha gitt informasjon om prosjektet.

Sted og dato

Signatur

Rolle i prosjektet