

Barriers for referral for oral lesions associated with pregnancy

The current study aims to find out the barriers to referral and treatment provided to pregnant woman having oral health problems.

This study requires you to complete an online survey that will take approximately 30 minutes of your valuable time. This study will give all of us insight and help in conducting awareness sessions in the future.

There are no risks attached to this study. Your institution's name and identity will be kept confidential. All data will be reported anonymously without any identifiers. However, any record or data obtained from your participation in this study may be inspected by the JSMU-IRB members.

This would be your voluntary participation without any compulsion, moral or otherwise, and without any financial incentive or coercion. Any new information developed during the study that may affect your willingness to continue participation will be communicated to you. You have the right to withdraw from the study at any time. If you decide to discontinue your participation in the study or for queries related to the study, you can contact the **Principal Investigator, Dr.Sanaa Ahmed: Sanaa.ahmed@jsmu.edu.pk**

AUTHORIZATION:

I have read and understood this consent form, and I volunteer to participate in this research study. I voluntarily choose to participate, but I understand that my consent does not take away any legal rights in the case of negligence or other legal faults of anyone involved in this study.

* Indicates required question

1. 1. Email

2. **2. Gender**

Mark only one oval

Mark only one oval.

☐ Male

☐ Female

☐ Prefer not to say

3. **2.Level of Education ?**

Mark only one oval

Mark only one oval.

☐ Graduate

☐ Postgraduate

4. **3.Hospital?**

5. **4. Are you familiar with any oral health conditions associated with pregnancy?**

Mark only one oval

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Maybe

6. **5. Experience (in years)?**

7. **6. Which oral health disease or lesion associated with pregnancy are you most familiar with?** *

Check all that apply

Check all that apply.

- ☐ epulis
- ☐ gingival hyperplasia
- ☐ oral candidiasis
- ☐ aphthous ulcers
- ☐ Gum bleeding
- ☐ Periodontitis
- ☐ sensitive teeth
- ☐ tooth aches/dental caries

8. **8. What challenges do you encounter when addressing oral health diseases or lesions in pregnant women?**

9. **9. Do you know of any guidelines or protocols specifically addressing the management of oral lesions in pregnant women?**

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10. What is response when your patient complains of oral health disease/lesion.

Mark all that apply

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Refer the patient to a dentist.
- ☐ Provide medication related to the oral health disease/lesion.
- ☐ Raise awareness and educate the patient on taking care of oral health without an immediate referral to a dentist.
- ☐ Address language barriers that may affect patient cooperation.
- ☐ Overcome challenges related to lack of awareness and information by providing the necessary education and information to the patient.

11. **11. Is the inclusion of oral health checkups and examinations in the medical history part of the practices in your hospital department?**

Mark only one oval

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Maybe

12. **12. Do you offer information and education to pregnant women about oral health?**

Mark only one oval

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Maybe

13. **13. Should oral health screening be included in antenatal care, in your opinion?**

Mark only one oval

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Maybe

14. **14. Barriers you may encounter when referring pregnant patients with oral lesions to a dentist:**

Mark all that apply

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Recurrence
- ☐ Time constraints
- ☐ Economic factors
- ☐ Superstitious beliefs
- ☐ Race/ethnicity-related concerns
- ☐ Peer pressure
- ☐ Discomfort expressed by patients
- ☐ Language barriers
- ☐ Lack of information
- ☐ Lack of public awareness

15. **15. Please rate the following problems that pregnant women may face using a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 represents a very low and 5 indicates a very high. The listed problems are:**

Mark only one oval per row

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	1	2	3	4	5
Economic issue	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Uncomfortable patient	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Lack of information	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Language barrier	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Lack of convenience	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Race difference	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

16. **16. Please rate the barriers you most commonly encounter in pregnant women. 1= very low while 5= very high.**

Mark only one oval per row

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	1	2	3	4	5
Peer pressure	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Uncomfortable patient	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Time	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Economic	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Superstitious believe	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Race\ethnicity	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Lack of awareness in public	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Lack of information to patient	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Language barriers	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

17. **17. The common challenges you may encounter when diagnosing oral lesions in pregnant women:**

Check all that apply

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Lack of guidelines
- ☐ Lack of armamentarium
- ☐ Patient attitude toward oral health
- ☐ Superstition belief and myths
- ☐ Time-consuming

18. **18. Do you engage in collaboration with other healthcare professionals, such as dentists or oral and maxillofacial surgeons, when managing oral lesions in pregnant women?**

Mark only one oval.

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Maybe

19. **19. How do you approach the management of oral lesion in pregnant women?**

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