

SHORT REPORT

Utilisation of Antenatal Care in a Nigerian Teaching Hospital

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Abstract

Records of 300 antenatal clinic attendees of a Nigerian teaching hospital were analysed. Results show that many of them obtained care only late in pregnancy and inadequately. Reasons for the delay in seeking antenatal care should be further investigated. (*Afr J Reprod Health* 2005; 9[3]:159-161)

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