

This thesis is of academic and empirical interest. It focuses on the father's presence at the childbirth. The work begins by theoretical part where the female and male role are defined. This chapter also describes physiology of pregnancy and course of physiological childbirth. Moreover it deals with theoretical father's preparation being able to be present at the birth. Research which comes after the theoretical chapter focuses on findings concerning which women have their partners present at the birth considering – educational background, address locality, number of childbirths. Then I focused on the time when the pregnant women and their

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partners decided to be at the childbirth together, whether they attended preparatory course etc. I was trying to find out how expectant mothers perceive their partners presence at the childbirth, what they expect from them, whether they came up to their expectations etc.