

Thesis evaluation

Patients and obstetricians attitudes associated with caesarean section on maternal request

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Format

The thesis is well structured and written in clear English. The thesis is 25 pages in size, includes 1 table , 4 charts and 155 literature references, all references are cited in text. Paper is structured into the 10 consistent chapters: 1.Introduction, 2.What is a cesarean section, 3. History of procedure, 4.Rising rates of cesarean section, 5.Patient doctor relation, 6.Why do women want CS, 7.Why do obstetricians want SC, 8.Risks and benefits of operation, 9.Economics, 10.Concensus statement and Conclusion.

Contents

The thesis shows evidence of an independent work of author. The main problem of thesis, women and obstetricians attitude to caesarean section and their relations with global rising operation rates was defined with sufficient theoretical framework and historical roots. Author brings a good analysis of the problem and valid conclusion. She is able to give a proper interpretation of the literature data int the context of thesis. The information sources and literature was well presented and author is familiar with the main literature related to her topic.

In conclusion this is a good thesis which clearly meets international standards for a master's study programme in medicine. I recommend the thesis for the defence.

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