

Abstract

The Bachelor's thesis Childbirth in the home environment deals with births outside a health care facility.

The theoretical part describes the birth as such, including the different variants of preparation, through the different birth times and the people who can accompany the woman to the birth. Subsequently, the bachelor thesis discusses obstetric care in a health care facility and at home, the individual experiences of women in this issue, and the advantages, disadvantages, and possible complications of home and maternity care. At the end of the theoretical part of the thesis, it mentions some legislative information and, last but not least, provides information on the differences in obstetric care in different countries. At the end of the theoretical part, selected studies and statistics on similar topics are mentioned for completeness.

The main aim of the thesis was to find out why women prefer home births to hospital births and whether they are aware of the possible risks.

For the practical part of the thesis, I designed two questionnaires which were distributed through social networking sites to suitable respondents.

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