

ABSTRACT

The topic of this bachelor thesis is “Caesarean section on demand”. The thesis deals with women’s interest in undergoing the surgery at their own request and with the reasons behind their choice. It consists of a theoretical and an empirical part.

The theoretical part of the thesis focuses on the history of obstetrics, on Caesarean section, indications for a Caesarean section, possible methods, anesthesia, potential complications and spontaneous delivery.

The empirical part is based on quantitative research. By means of a questionnaire, women have been asked whether they are interested in undergoing Caesarean section at their own request and what are the reasons behind their choice. The empirical part further examines whether women are interested in choosing their preferred type of anesthesia and what this type is. The total number of respondents who participated in the survey was 82; they had been chosen randomly. The survey was conducted in January 2014. Its results have shown that only 37,80% of respondents are interested in Caesarean section at their own request. The most frequent reasons for this choice are their concern for the child’s health, fear of pain and previous bad birth experience.

30 respondents out of the 31 interested in Caesarean section on demand are interested in choosing their preferred type of anesthesia. 24 women prefer partial anesthesia, full anesthesia would be the choice for only 7 respondents. The results are presented in tables and charts with commentary. The purpose of the thesis is to draw attention to the relevance of the topic for today’s women.

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