



Utilization of Health Care Facilities by Pregnant Women Approaching Government Hospitals in Nainital District Uttarakhand

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ABSTRACT The present study was conducted on 120 pregnant women attending the OPD of two government hospitals in Nainital with the objective to analyze the utilization of medical facilities by pregnant women. Questionnaire cum interview method was used for data collection. Results of the study showed that both government hospitals needed to be strengthened in terms of medical staff, infrastructure and equipments and techniques. It was observed that at GBPH there was only one doctor to take care of the women. The same hospital did not have adequate stock of medicines and lagged behind technologically. Results indicate towards a lower utilization of health care facilities such as 108 ambulance facility and *aganwadi* services among women respondents. Almost half the respondents were not aware of the benefits of *Janani Suraksha Yojana*. The study suggests need to increase awareness on reproductive health issues of women and popularization of government schemes.