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## Acceptance and practice of focused antenatal care by health care providers in teaching hospital in Bayelsa State, Nigeria

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**Introduction & Aim:** The consequences of failing to provide maternal and neonatal care are clearly seen in the disturbing statistics of maternal and neonatal morbidity and mortality of developing nations. This study was aimed to determine the acceptance and practice of focused antenatal among health care workers in Niger Delta University Okolobiri, Bayelsa State Nigeria.

**Methods:** A descriptive survey design involving distribution of questionnaires was employed. Data obtained were analyzed with the statistical package for scientific solutions (SPSS) windows version 20.

**Results:** Results showed that majority of the respondents have not accepted focused antenatal care and they do not practice focused antenatal care. At  $P < 0.05$ , chi-square ( $X^2$ )=33.724,  $df=2$  and  $p\text{-value}=0.000$ , there was a statistical significant relationship between acceptance and practice of focused antenatal care.

**Conclusion:** The need to encourage acceptance and practice of focused antenatal care as a suitable tool of quality care for pregnant women in order to reduce obstetric related morbidity and mortality.