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What matters to women: a systematic scoping review to identify the processes and outcomes of antenatal care provision that are important to healthy pregnant women

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Figure 1: flow diagramme of included studies

Initial Search - 4554 papers

4185 papers excluded by title because they were outside the topic of interest

Abstract Review - 369 papers

167 papers excluded by abstract because they:
  - represented the views of other stakeholders (n= 49)
  - were explicitly quantitative (n=72),
  - were not deemed to be research studies (n=9)
  - were not directly related to the topic (n=23)
    - were duplicates (n = 10)
    - were dissertations (n=4)

Full Review – 202 papers

178 papers excluded because they:
  - described women’s views and experiences of specific antenatal services such as HIV testing and fetal anomaly screening (n = 64)
  - focused on specific groups of women, such as those who were HIV positive (n = 114)

Quality Assessment – 24 papers

3 papers excluded:
One was a systematic review evaluating women’s experiences of antenatal care rather than their expectations; one was predominantly quantitative and one was about the factors affecting antenatal care utilization

Final Synthesis – 21 papers

Secondary search – 708 papers

578 papers excluded by title because they were outside the topic of interest

Abstract Review - 130 papers

46 papers excluded by abstract because they:
  - represented the views of other stakeholders (n= 14)
  - were explicitly quantitative (n=14),
  - were not deemed to be research studies (n=3)
  - were not directly related to the topic (n=9)
    - were duplicates (n = 4)
    - were dissertations (n=2)

Full Review – 84 papers

68 papers excluded because they:
  - described women’s views and experiences of specific antenatal services such as HIV testing and fetal anomaly screening (n = 46)
  - focused on specific groups of women, such as those who were HIV positive (n = 22)

Quality Assessment – 16 papers

3 papers excluded:
Two were predominantly quantitative and one was a mixed methods study with very limited data on what women want from antenatal care.

Final Synthesis – 13
(+ 4 papers from back-chaining)
Figure 2: Data mining results from reduced data set in 21 included papers