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Communication skills and anxiety during pregnancy in nulliparous women: A cross-sectional study in an Iranian setting

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خلاصه مقاله:

Background: Physiological and psychological impacts of pregnancy may relate to anxiety symptoms in nulliparous women. An effective communication between couples can have protective effects against anxiety in this period. **Objectives:** The present study intended to assess the relationship between communication skills and the anxiety during pregnancy in nulliparous women. **Methods:** This study adhered to a descriptive cross-sectional design. In this study, 100 nulliparous women of 18 to 40 years old were selected through a two-stage cluster sampling in Health Centers of Sari, Iran (2014-2015). We used the Spielbergerchr('39')s questionnaire to measure pregnancy anxiety and Queendomchr('39')s questionnaire to assess coupleschr('39') communication skills. Statistical-descriptive methods and Pearson correlation coefficient were used to analyze the data. **Results:** The mean age of the women participating in the study was 27.15 ± 4.69 . The results showed that there was a negative significant correlation between communication skills and state ($r = -0.45$, $p < 0.01$) and trait anxiety ($r = -0.51$, $p < 0.01$). However, there was no significant relationship between one of the subscales of communication skills (assertiveness) and state and trait anxiety.

Conclusion: This study indicated a negative correlation between communication skills and pregnancy anxiety. Strong communication skills could diminish pregnancy anxiety and eventually lead to higher psychological health

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