

# **Why don't they book?**

**A qualitative survey of unbooked pregnant women at the  
Johannesburg Hospital**



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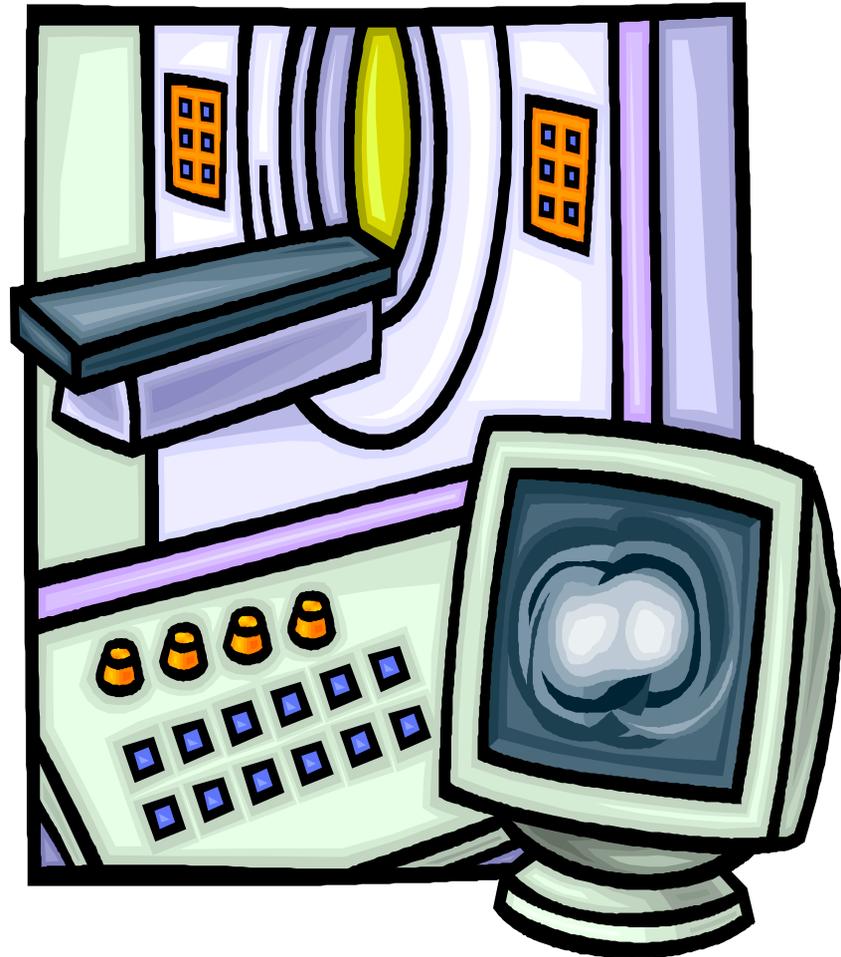
# Introduction (1)

- **Regular antenatal care reduces mortality & morbidity.**
- **Unbooked mothers comprises of 10 – 30% of all deliveries in developing countries.**
- **Very few qualitative studies.**
- **About 15% of all deliveries are by unbooked women at the Johannesburg Hospital.**



## Introduction (2)

- Antenatal care is free in all public clinics & Hospitals.
- Johannesburg Hospital is a tertiary referral centre.
- All satellite local clinics are within 10 – 20 KM in distance.
- Public transports are readily available all around the clinics & Hospital.



# Objectives

- **Broad :**
  1. **To analyse the demographical data.**
  2. **To analyse the pregnancy and fetal outcome.**
- **Specific :**

**To determine the causative factors for non-attendance to ANC.**



# Methodology (1)

- **Inclusion criteria:**  
All unbooked women who will deliver at the Johannesburg Hospital over a 6 months period.
- **Sample size:**  
Presumably 540 women (about 90/month X for 6 months).
- **Study design:**  
Prospective qualitative assay & retrospective record review.



## Methodology (2)

- **Exclusion criteria:**  
Psychologically incompetent,  
grieving mother & foreign  
language users.
  
- **Data collection:**
  1. Record review of demographical  
& clinical data.
  2. Structured questionnaire  
interview for qualitative data.



## Methodology (3)

- **Informed consent:**  
written Informed consent will be required for participation.
- **Ethics:**  
Protocol will be submitted to the Ethics Committee.



# Results:

- Data analysis:
- Clinical & demographical data will be entered into Data sheet.
- Qualitative assay will be done by analysing the response to the questionnaire.
- Quantitative statistical analysis of clinical data will be done using software.
- A quantitative analysis of qualitative data will also be done.



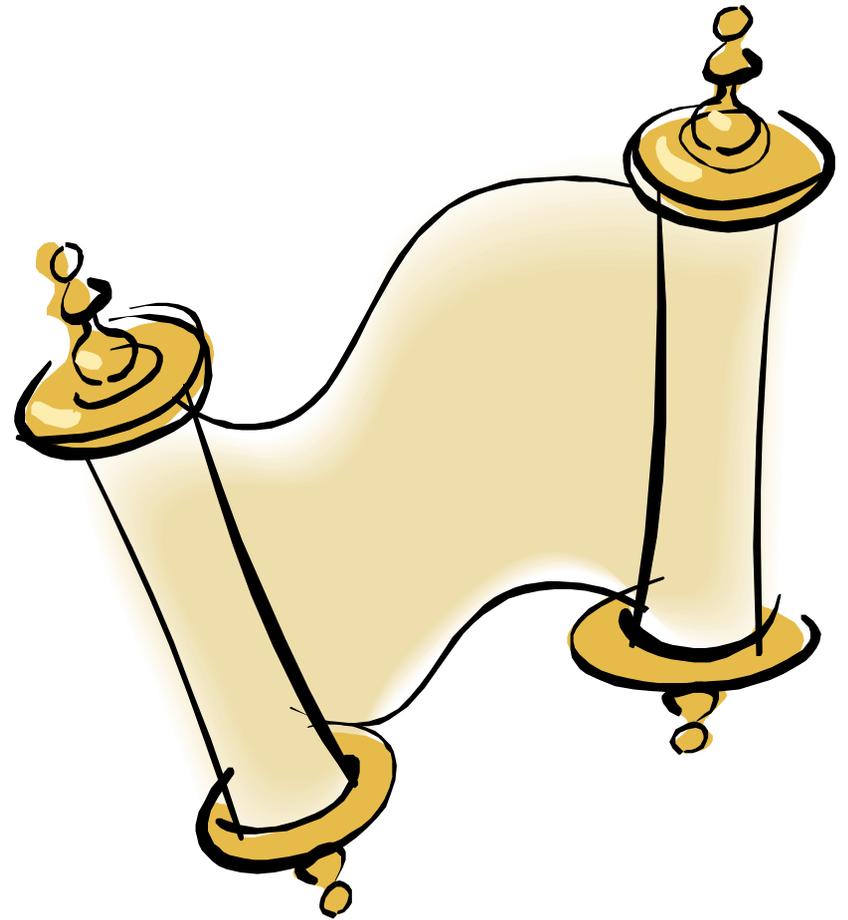
# Discussion

- **Main focus will be on the reasons provided by the participants for not attending ANC.**
- **Recommendations will be made to provide solutions of those problems.**
- **Implementations will be made on basis of recommendations.**



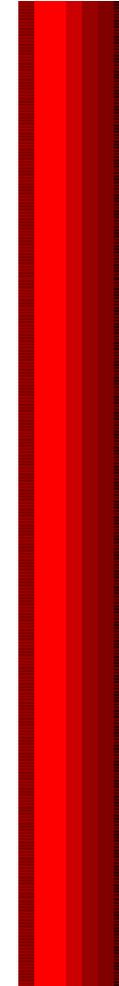
# Conclusion

- Will be drawn from the results & discussions.



## Limitations

- **Refusal to participate**
- **Under-age girls (less than 18)**
- **False information**
- **Language Communication problems**
- **Researcher availability**



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