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## A Study to Assess the Beliefs and Practices Regarding Home Remedies for Minor Disorders during Pregnancy among Antenatal Mothers in Selected Hospitals, Moradabad

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Abstract: These study aims to assess the beliefs & practices regarding home remedies for minor disorders during pregnancy among antenatal mothers by using semi-structured interview schedule. Methodology: A qualitative study with ethnography research design was used. The study was conducted in Teerthanker Mahaveer Hospital and Research Centre, Moradabad U.P. among 15 antenatal mothers. The Sampling technique used for the study was non-probability purposive sampling technique. The data was collected by in-depth semi-structured interview schedule. The data analysis was done through descriptive and thematic analysis. Result: In this research study eight themes are articulated, it includes beliefs and practices of home remedies for nausea /vomiting, heartburn, constipation, edema, anaemia, leg cramps, joint pain & back pain, haemorrhoids and gum bleeding. Conclusion: Antenatal mothers uses lemon water , honey , salt water with sugar, sweet fannel seeds (Saunf) white cardamom (Elaichi) & tamrind (Imli) to treat nausea /vomiting. Cold milk, curd, water and cold fruits (banana & pomegranate) & ajwain to relieves heartburn. Warm milk with ghee, lukewarm water with raisin lukewarm milk, oatmeal (daliva) and soyabeans to treat constipation. Dip feet in lukewarm salty water for 10-15 minutes for reducing edema. Antenatal mothers uses green leafy vegetables, fruits (apple, pomegranate, beetroot, banana, amla) and almonds to treat anaemia., application of mustard oil and olive oil for reducing leg cramps, joint pain and back pain. Antenatal mothers uses raw pomegranate, chapati of wheat bran in daily diet to prevent constipation .Flossing mouth and gums everyday with salt water and using pomegranate to reduce gum bleeding.

Keywords: Beliefs, Practices, Home Remedies, Minor Disorders, Pregnancy, and Antenatal Mothers

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