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Unplanned and Risk Pregnancy, Domestic Violence and the Psychosocial Health Status of Pregnant Women in North-East Turkey

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Abstract

Background: The aim of this study was to examine the psychosocial health status of pregnant women according to domestic violence, unplanned and risk pregnancy and some demographic variables such as marital status, education levels.

Methods: 137 pregnant women who accepted to participate in the research were screened in obstetrics clinics between September 2013 and March 2014, Giresun, Turkey, using "Questionnaire" and "Pregnancy Psychosocial Health Assessment Scale". The data was evaluated by using descriptive statistics such as frequencies, percentages, means, Standard deviation and Kruskal Wallis ve Mann Whitney U Test.

Results: Psychosocial health scores for pregnant women decreased in statistical significance according to extended family structure, exposing to domestic violence, having unplanned pregnancy and risk pregnancy, low educational status of women, low educational status of partner, and being married non-officially are ($p < 0.05$).

Conclusion: Mental health nurses and midwives should be trained in the detection of psychosocial health status and must be able to give psychosocial support and care for those identified as at risk during pregnancy.

Key words: Pregnancy, Psychosocial health status, Domestic violence, Unplanned and risk-pregnancy.