

# Unassisted Childbirth and Maternity Care: Women's Perceptions and Beliefs

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| <b>Ethische beoordeling</b> | Positief advies                                     |
| <b>Status</b>               | Werving gestart                                     |
| <b>Type aandoening</b>      | -                                                   |
| <b>Onderzoekstype</b>       | Observationeel onderzoek, zonder invasieve metingen |

## Samenvatting

### ID

NL-OMON19933

### Bron

Nationaal Trial Register

### Aandoening

Unassisted Childbirth: Home birth by women who deliberately chose to deliver at home, unassisted by a skilled professional. Synonyms are: Unattended (child)birth, Free birth, Pure birth, Solo birth, Parent assisted birth, Undisturbed birth, Do-it-yourself birth, Instinctive birth and Raw birth.

## Ondersteuning

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## Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie

## **Uitkomstmaten**

### **Primaire uitkomstmaten**

Thematic Analyses of focus group interviews

## **Toelichting onderzoek**

### **Achtergrond van het onderzoek**

Current literature shows a significant lack of research on Unassisted Childbirth (UC) in general and on UC in the Netherlands in particular, giving justification for conducting the proposed study. This research proposal aims at undertaking a qualitative study with a phenomenological study design about UC in the Netherlands.

A combination of convenience and purposive sampling is suggested for conducting focus group interviews about the perceptions and beliefs of women in the Netherlands who choose UC. After saturation has been reached, the data will be analysed using thematic analysis. Publication of the findings is intended to contribute to the understanding of this phenomenon and to identify any possible deficiencies of the current Dutch maternity care system in relation to the needs of the target population.

### **Doel van het onderzoek**

What are the motivations of women in the Netherlands to choose UC and what are their beliefs on childbirth in general and in relation to current Dutch maternity care?

This study primarily aims at understanding women's motivations in declining (parts of) maternity care in the Netherlands, specifically birth care. There has not yet been any research published regarding the prevalence of UC in the Netherlands or the reasons why women decide to freebirth here. In critiquing the literature, there seems to be a significant deficiency in information about UC in general, and relating to the perceptions of freebirthers and maternity care in the Netherlands in particular, thereby justifying the proposed study.

### **Onderzoeksopzet**

not applicable

### **Onderzoeksproduct en/of interventie**

not applicable

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## Deelname eisen

### Belangrijkste voorwaarden om deel te mogen nemen (Inclusiecriteria)

having had (or tried to have) a freebirth in the last three years, age 18 years or older.

### Belangrijkste redenen om niet deel te kunnen nemen (Exclusiecriteria)

not being able to speak or read Dutch, being pregnant or having given birth over three years ago.

## Onderzoekopzet

### Opzet

|                  |                                                     |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Type:            | Observationeel onderzoek, zonder invasieve metingen |
| Onderzoeksmodel: | Anders                                              |
| Toewijzing:      | N.v.t. / één studie arm                             |
| Blinding:        | Open / niet geblindeerd                             |
| Controle:        | N.v.t. / onbekend                                   |

## Deelname

|                         |                      |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Nederland               |                      |
| Status:                 | Werving gestart      |
| (Verwachte) startdatum: | 19-05-2015           |
| Aantal proefpersonen:   | 18                   |
| Type:                   | Verwachte startdatum |

## Ethische beoordeling

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| Positief advies |                  |
| Datum:          | 14-05-2015       |
| Soort:          | Eerste indiening |

## Registraties

### Opgevolgd door onderstaande (mogelijk meer actuele) registratie

Geen registraties gevonden.

### Andere (mogelijk minder actuele) registraties in dit register

Geen registraties gevonden.

### In overige registers

| Register       | ID                               |
|----------------|----------------------------------|
| NTR-new        | NL5085                           |
| NTR-old        | NTR5217                          |
| Ander register | METC Atrium Orbis Zuyd : 15-N-20 |

## Resultaten