

Thesis Title Study Characteristics of Pregnant Women  
Who Had Antenatal Care Less Than Four  
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**ABSTRACT**

This study was aimed at determining the characteristics of pregnant women who had antenatal care less than four times which had three independent variables namely, socio - economic, source of information of pregnant

women, accessibility and availability antenatal care.

A total of 270 pregnant women were randomly taken from 6 subdistrict who had antenatal care less than four times in Brebes Regency, Central - Java Province Indonesia in April 1995. The data collection were performed through health center personnel interviewers by using structured questionnaire.

The result showed that majority of pregnant women age 20 - 30 years old worked full time house wife, education level primary school and low income. Only few of pregnant women have good (high) knowledge, attitude and practice towards antenatal care.

Most source of information pregnant women about antenatal got from health personnel.

Factors found significantly associated between independent variabel and dependent variabel( knowledge, attitude and practice) of pregnant women towards antenatal care was education level. The study demonstrated that pregnant women had the higher education had the less antenatal care less than four times. and found significantly associated with knowledge, attitude and

practice of pregnant women toward antenatal care were monthly income and occupation.

The study demonstrated that pregnant women with the lower income had the higher antenatal care less than four times and occupation full time house wife the highest got antenatal care less than four times.

Also found significantly associated with knowledge, attitude and practice of pregnant women toward antenatal care were source of information and distance of pregnant women's house. The study demonstrated that information source from health personnel was higher knowledge, attitude and practice than from valuntecrs and the farer distance pregnant women's house had the lower attitude and practice toward antenatal care.