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Maternal-fetal attachment develops throughout the prenatal period, delivery, and postpartum period. The attachment has significant effects on the physiological, psychological, emotional and social developmental of the child throughout his/her life span.

This study is a descriptive research aiming to study the self-esteem and maternal-fetal attachment and, to compare maternal-fetal attachment during pregnancy in pregnant women who have a difference in self - esteem, age, parity, gestational age, intention of pregnancy and complications of pregnancy. The total number of subjects of this study were 200 pregnant women who attended Antenatal Clinic (ANC) at Siriraj Hospital and Somdejprapinklao Hospital by systematic random sampling. The research instruments were Self - Esteem Inventory (SEI) and Maternal-Fetal Attachment Scales (MFAS). The data were analyzed by using SPSS and presented in the form of percentages, means, standard deviation, t - test and ANOVA.

The results of this study indicated that the majority of pregnant women had high self-esteem and the total subscales of mean scores of maternal-fetal attachment were rather good. Pregnant women who were in the third trimester, had intention of pregnancy and did not have complications in pregnancy, had a higher maternal - fetal attachment scores than those who were in the second trimester, did not have intention of pregnancy and had complication of pregnancy ($p < .05$).

The researcher suggests that nurses who work in ANC should promote maternal-fetal attachment in pregnant women during their pregnancies, particularly, for those who have less gestational age, no intention of pregnancy and have complications in pregnancy.