

Focus Group Activity.

1. As people arrive hand out the information sheet/consent forms. Mothers will be asked to complete a short survey (independently on arrival) which will capture demographic information. This is attached as the last page of the information sheet/consent forms.
2. Introduction of the researchers, and thank you for participating. We are going to have an open conversation about your experiences of Antenatal Care. Please know that there are no right or wrong answers and that we are interested in what each of you have to say. You are encouraged to speak freely, as your participation and responses in this study will not affect any relationships with this health facility, Griffith University/staff and University of Airlangga/staff.

Explain purpose of research, what participants will be asked to do, voluntary, risks and benefits, all confidential...

There is a link between Antenatal Care and maternal/infant morbidity and mortality, therefore there is a need to identify the experiences of pregnant or post-partum women accessing antenatal care to continue to improve antenatal care coverage in Surabaya, Indonesia. To be eligible to be involved in this research, you will be pregnant or post-partum (gave birth within the last 6 months), an Indonesia Citizen who resides in Surabaya and you must be 18 years or older. Participation in this research is restricted to 6 participants per health facility.

Today, you will be asked to describe your current, or if postpartum your recent pregnancy and Antenatal Care experience.

3. Explain ethics – audio recorded – however, de-identified and there will be no names attached to transcripts.
4. After demographics is completed, mothers will be explained the definition of ANC:

Antenatal Care (ANC) is defined by the World Health Organization (WHO) (2016) as “the care provided by skilled health-care professionals to pregnant women and adolescent girls in order to ensure the best health conditions for both mother and baby during pregnancy. The components of ANC include: risk identification; prevention and management of pregnancy-related or concurrent diseases; and health education and health promotion.”

5. The participants will be asked as a group to begin describing what ANC means to them and their first experience of ANC:

What does ANC mean to you?

When you first arrived at the facility how did you feel?

What is your experience accessing ANC – did you experience any barriers to arriving here today e.g. transport, money, weather?

Did you feel comfortable in attending this health facility? Why/Why not?

Did you alone make the decision to utilise ANC for your pregnancy or most recent pregnancy?

Would you promote ANC to your friends and family?

Could you see your friends and family using these services?

Will use ANC in the future? Why/Why not?

6. End of Focus Group Discussion – **provide participants with small token of appreciation and offering of light refreshments**