

# **ABSTRACT**

## **Background**

Relationship between oral health status and pregnancy were described in studies elsewhere in the world, but very few studies have been conducted in Sri Lanka. This study attempted to describe the normative and perceived needs for oral health care as well as utilization of oral health care services among pregnant women. It is important to identify the oral health status in pregnant women as poor oral health has an adverse effects on pregnancy.

## **Objective**

The objective of the study is to assess the oral health care needs among pregnant women in the Divulapitiya MOH area.

## **Methodology**

A cross sectional study was carried out using 459 pregnant women in their second trimester during the study period. An interviewer administered questionnaire was used to collect the information on socio-demographic data, perceived oral health status and the pattern of utilization of health care facilities. A clinical examination was done to assess the normative needs. The study was carried out in antenatal clinics in the Divulapitiya MOH area.