

**Formative research to inform the design and implementation of a randomized controlled trial
to optimize the use of caesarean section in Argentina**

**Women's survey
Project A65919**

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IDENTIFICATION (to be filled out by the interviewer before starting with the survey questions)							
2. Hospital	1. Hosp. Ramos Mejía (CABA) 2. Hosp. Vidal (Corrientes) 3. Hosp. Materno Infantil (Salta) 4. Hosp. Escuela Eva Perón (Granadero Baigorria) 5. Hosp. Del Este (Tucumán)						
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4. Type of delivery	1. Vaginal delivery 2. Caesarean section						
I WOULD LIKE US TO START WITH SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU...							
5. How old are you?	<table border="1"> <tr> <td></td><td></td> </tr> </table>						
6. How many times have you been pregnant? (not including this pregnancy) <i>If "00", go to Q10</i>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td></td><td></td> </tr> </table>						
7. How many of those pregnancies ended in a caesarean section? (not including this pregnancy)	<table border="1"> <tr> <td></td><td></td> </tr> </table>						
8. How many of those pregnancies ended in a vaginal delivery? (not including this pregnancy)	<table border="1"> <tr> <td></td><td></td> </tr> </table>						
9. How many of those pregnancies ended in loss or termination?	<table border="1"> <tr> <td></td><td></td> </tr> </table>						
NOW I WOULD LIKE US TO TALK ABOUT WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT THE VAGINAL BIRTH AND THE CESAREAN SECTION...							
10. Which mode of delivery you think is best when there are no complications or problems?	1. Vaginal birth 2. Caesarean section 3. Don't care (<i>go to Q12</i>) 4. Don't know (<i>go to Q12</i>)						

11. What makes you think that ... Q10... is better? (write what the interviewee says)	
12. Would you have wanted to be asked which mode of delivery you wanted to have?	1. Yes 2. No (<i>go to Q14</i>) 3. Don't know (<i>go to Q14</i>)
13. What are the reasons why you would have wanted to be asked? (write what the interviewee says)	
14. What would you have needed in order to be more comfortable during labour? (write what the interviewee says)	1. Did not experience labour 2. (<i>specify what the interviewee says</i>)
NOW I WOULD LIKE US TO TALK ABOUT YOUR DELIVERY AT THIS HOSPITAL...	
15. Were you supported by a relative/friend/person of your choice during your delivery at this hospital?	1. Yes (<i>go to Q.17</i>) 2. No
16. Would you have liked to be supported?	1. Yes 2. No (<i>go to Q18</i>) 3. Don't know (<i>go to Q18</i>)
17. What are the reasons you preferred/would have preferred to be supported? (write what the interviewee says)	
18. How would you qualify the care you received in this childbirth? (read all the options and check the one that applies)	1. Worse than expected 2. More or less as expected 3. Better than expected 4. Much better than expected
19. Would you recommend other women to give birth in this hospital?	1. Yes 2. No 3. Don't know

20. Why would you recommend/not recommend it? (write what the interviewee says)	
NOW I WOULD LIKE US TO TALK ABOUT THE VAGINAL BIRTH AND THE CESAREAN SECTION IN GENERAL...	
21. In your opinion, when is it necessary to have a C-section? (check all that apply)	1. When it is a twin pregnancy 2. When the woman has had a previous C-section 3. When the baby is in an abnormal position, "seated" 4. When the baby is too large 5. When the baby does not descend 6. When the umbilical cord wraps around the baby's neck 7. When there is risk for the baby 8. When the woman has a serious disease/there is risk for the woman 9. When the woman is "narrow" 10. When the woman is too young/too old 11. When the date is overdue 12. When labour is too prolonged 13. When there is no other option 14. Never 15. Other: 16. Don't know
22. What are the advantages of a C-section? (check all that apply)	1. Can schedule the birth date 2. The baby suffers less/is born well 3. Faster procedure 4. It is safer 5. No contractions 6. No pain 7. Preferred by the partner 8. It can save the baby 9. It is better for sexual life 10. None 11. Other: 12. Don't know

23. What are the disadvantages of a C-section? (check all that apply)	1. More natural 2. More risky for the baby 3. More risky for the woman 4. The partner/companion cannot be present 5. More pain after birth 6. Longer stay in the hospital 7. The recovery is slower 8. Special care needed 9. More difficult to breastfeed 10. Cannot walk straightaway 11. None 12. Other: 13. Don't know
24. What are the advantages of a vaginal birth? (check all that apply)	1. More natural 2. Better for the baby 3. The partner/companion can be present 4. Less pain after birth 5. Less time at the hospital 6. Faster recovery 7. Less care needed 8. It is better for sexual life 9. Being able to move right after birth 10. Partner prefers it 11. None 12. Other: 13. Don't know
25. What are the disadvantages of a vaginal birth? (check all that apply)	1. It is more risky for the baby 2. It is more risky for the woman 3. Labour is harder 4. It is more painful/no anaesthesia provided 5. Partner does not like it 6. Earlier discharge from the hospital 7. Not good for sexual life 8. None 9. Other: 10. Don't know

TO FINISH, I WOULD LIKE US TO TALK ABOUT WHAT WOMEN IN ARGENTINA PREFER...	
26. Do you think women in Argentina have any preference for a vaginal birth or caesarean section? (write what the interviewee says)	
27. Why? (write what the interviewee says)	
28. Has this changed over time? Based on your experience, thinking of your family, for example (write what the interviewee says)	
I would like to thank you for your time and participation. Is there anything else you would like to tell me?	