Letter requesting Women to participate in the Research Study

Respected Madam,

I am a Ph.D. student in the Department of Women’s Studies at Sri Padmavathi Mahila Viswavidyalayam, Tirupati, A.P. As part of my doctoral degree programme I am carrying out a research study which is titled “Psycho-Social Dimension of Infertility among Women”, A Study in Hyderabad city Andhra Pradesh.

I Request your participation in the research. The information obtained will be kept strictly confidential and will be used for research purpose only. Anonymity is maintained. You may refuse to answer any question or terminate the interview at any time. However, I would be thankful to you for co-operation in participating in this research study.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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### INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

**Socio – demographic Variables**

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I. NEED FOR PARENTHOOD

1) What is your idea of parenthood?

2) What is the importance of child for an individual?

3) What is the importance of child for you and your husband?

4) What is the difference between a couple who has a child and a couple who is childless?

5) Do you feel that having one’s own child make any difference to a person or the family?

6) Do you think having a child affects one’s status within the family or society?

II. PERCEPTIONS REGARDING MEANING CAUSES AND TREATMENT OF INFERTILITY

1) What do you understand by the term infertility?

2) Do you know any causes for infertility?

3) In your opinion who usually has the problem? (Male or Female)

4) In your opinion what is the cause of infertility in you or your husband?
5) According to Doctor what is the cause?

6) Do you know what tests are done for infertility? If yes specify?

7) Are you aware of different treatments available for infertility. If yes, specify?

8) Do you know about assisted reproductive technologies? If yes, specify?

9) Are you aware of reproductive alternatives? If yes, Specify?

**III. REACTIONS TO INFERTILITY**

1. Who among the two of you realized that there was some problem?

2. When and how did you realize that you were unable to conceive?

3. What did you do next? When did you consult a Doctor?

4. When and how did you came to know that your husband had a problem?

5. If you have problem in conceiving what is your reaction?

6. What are your feelings or reactions to infertility problem?
7. What are your physical reactions? Emotional or sexual reactions?

8. How does infertility affects an individual?

9. How do you feel when you are undergoing tests or treatment?

10. Will the effect of infertility will be different for a man and woman?

IV. EFFECT OF INFERTILITY ON MARITAL LIFE

1. What effect Infertility has on marital life?

2. If the problem is with woman what is its effect on marital life?

3. If the problem is with man what is its effect on marital life?

4. Have you experienced any problem with your husband because of this?

5. Did you ever had any difference of opinion regarding the cause and treatment? What was it. How did you resolve it?

6. How often do you discuss about separation or divorce?

7. Do you regret that you have married?

8. Do you or your husband think of remarriage?
9. Do you quarrel with your partner?

10. Do you feel your marital life is good even without a child?

V. FAMILY SUPPORT

1. Who are all there in your family?

2. Do you family members knew that you have the problem?

3. What was their reaction when they first heard about it?

4. Are you experiencing any problems with your family because of this? If yes, what kind of problems?

5. Do your family members knew with whom the problem lies?

6. If the problem is with you what was their reaction?

7. If the problem is with your husband what was their reaction?

8. Do you anticipate any problems in the near future? What kind of problems & Why?

9. Do your family members harass or threatens you?

10. What kind of family support do you require?
11. Do you feel that your family is supporting you at each and every stage of treatment?

12. From whom you receive the maximum support in this matter?

VI. SOCIETAL ATTITUDES

1. What do you feel is the society’s opinion regarding Infertility?

2. What do you feel is the society’s attitude towards you because of this?

3. Have you ever had any negative experience because of Infertility in society?

4. What do your friends feel about this?

5. What do your neighbours feel about this?

6. What do your relations feel about this?

7. Have you ever faced any problem because of this with your friends, neighbours or relatives? If yes specify?
VII. COPING WITH INFERTILITY

1. How do you cope with this problem?

2. Do you attend any counseling?

3. Do you think counseling is important for you?

4. Did you think of any other alternative to having a biological child?

5. Have you decided till when you would like to continue the treatment?

6. Have you ever considered adoption, if yes, how seriously have you thought about it?

7. Among both of you who will take the decision for adoption?

8. If you consider adoption which sex baby you will prefer?

9. How do you think that your family will react to the decision of adopting a child?

10. Do you think of any other alternative apart from adoption?