

THE PREDISPOSING FACTORS AFFECTING THE PREVALENCE OF VESICO-VAGINAL FISTULA AMONG WOMEN OF REPRODUCTIVE AGE IN NORTHERN NIGERIA

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ABSTRACT

This paper reviewed the predisposing factors affecting the prevalence of vesico-vaginal fistula among women of reproductive age. It is however noted from the study that age, education, Malnutrition and height among others are some of the determining variables responsible for vesico-vaginal fistula occurrence. The paper further observed that vesico-vaginal fistula is prevalence among underage girls who started to bear children before their physical development is complete, women of low academic status who remain confined within the compounds of their husbands, women who are malnourished and those who are stunted, small and short in stature. The paper recommended that parents should desist from giving out their underage girls out in marriage, girl child education should be given priority and girls should be given good diets to prevent malnutrition.

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