Reviewer’s report

Title: Attitudes and practices related to intrauterine devices for nulliparous women among Chinese health care providers

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This article focused in attitudes and practices related to intrauterine devices (IUDs) for nulliparous women among Chinese health care providers. It demonstrates that negative attitudes and infrequent practices regarding IUDs use for nulliparous women are common in Chinese health care providers. Health care providers' misperceptions of the safety and contraindications of IUDs are associated with their negative attitudes towards IUDs use for nulliparous women and may further reduce their provision of related services. This issue in China is clearly related to the heavy influence on Chinese health care providers by traditional sexual concept. Educational interventions are needed to improve health care providers' accurate knowledge of IUDs and fill the gap between traditional sexual concept and young women's needs of contraceptive services.

These findings are informative and practical to public health care services, particularly in those countries, like China with a relatively high rate of unintended pregnancy and induced abortion.

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