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ABSTRACT

This cross sectional descriptive study aimed to identify factors related to perceptions of birth control among married women in HuaiNin AnHui province, China. 255 women were selected randomly and interviewed by structured questionnaire. Statistical descriptive analysis was used and tested by Chi square and Fisher Exact tests.

The women's ages ranged from 15-49 years. Most had only secondary education, or less and an average income of less than RMB 2400 per month. Nearly 60 percent of them had no job, an average, they had 2.04 children, boys more than girls.

58.82 percent of women had good knowledge and 41.18 percent had poor knowledge of birth control. 32.94 percent of women had a positive attitude and 67.06 percent of them had negative attitude about traditional beliefs about birth control. 14.12 percent of women had high perception, 60.78 percent and 25.10 percent of them had moderate and low perception of birth control. There was significant association between the perception of birth control and age ($p=0.001$), gender of living children ($p=0.000$), women's knowledge levels ($p=0.000$), and women's attitude level ($p=0.000$). Though, no other factors were found a significantly association with perception of birth control.

This study indicated that motivation, counseling, effective communication and appropriate strategy is essential for improving birth control acceptance in rural areas.

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