



Thesis Title                      **Factors Influencing the Adoption  
of Female Sterilization Among  
Postpartum Women Who Desire No  
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## **ABSTRACT**

The objective of this study is to examine the determinants of the decision to undergo postpartum female sterilization for the women who have two or more children and desire no more children. The data for the study were collected from Siriraj Hospital. Structured questionnaires were used on all eligible women admitted

to the labour ward from 1 March 1996 - 30 April 1996.  
A total of 572 married women is used for analysis.

Findings show that the majority of women who desire no more children want to undergo sterilization. For those women who do not intend to choose this method the most important reason was fear of side effects. It was also found that knowledge of the procedure and positive opinion of sterilization were related to higher probabilities of intention to undergo sterilization. Among the social and demographic variables examined only age and number of living children were related to intention to have sterilization. The results of the study suggest that greater attention be placed on improving the understanding of women and their partners about sterilization.