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### Information and advice about place of birth - what GPs in training say

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**Background & Aim:** A Cochrane review, the recognised British National Institute for Clinical Evidence (NICE), and the international professional organisations for obstetricians and midwives agree that there is good evidence that out of hospital birth supported by a registered midwife is safe. Low-risk pregnant women should be offered information about the evidence and the possible choices. In Denmark it is the obligation of the general practitioner to tell pregnant women about the option but this rarely happens. The aim is to investigate the spontaneous comments among Danish, first year, general practice residents' on the topic: "How should we inform our pregnant women about place of birth?"

**Method:** First year general practice residents were observed and audio-recorded at seven half-day courses in antenatal care held in Copenhagen 2014-2015. Each class had around 25 participants. The lecturer opened up for comments when the topic place of birth was reached and she left 6-10 minutes open for participants to speak about their thoughts and practice. The audio-recorded comments and dialogues were transcribed, and analysed by Systematic Text Condensation inspired by Giorgi's approach, searching for issues describing themes of importance for the participants' information practice. The analysis was conducted as collaborative negotiations between the two presenters.

**Results:** The study is on-going and results will be presented at the conference. Reactions ranged from fierce resistance against the idea of planned home birth, to comments from female doctors who had either considered or actually had a planned home birth themselves. Challenges in relation to giving neutral and balanced information often came up as did the influence of hospital experiences.

**Conclusions:** Danish GPs in training cover a wide range of opinions about place of birth and giving neutral evidence-based information seems to be a challenge.