

Doctors often push C-sections for extra income

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Some obstetricians recommended pregnant women have a Cesarean section (C-section) to make extra income, even if they know of the health benefits from natural delivery.

The study results were reported by the U.S. Medical News on Aug. 31.

The claim was made following a study conducted by health care economists Erin Johnson of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and M. Marit Rehavi of the University of British Columbia.

“Compared to vaginal birth, C-section is invasive, carries the risk of complications, and takes longer to recover from. In most cases, C-section should only be an option under extreme health conditions for either the mother or the baby,” Johnson was quoted as saying.

“Performing a C-section might net them an extra few hundred dollars,” Rehavi said. And for doctors who deliver at least one baby a day, that number is not insignificant.

This claim is further supported by the fact that doctors who purportedly performed more C-sections than necessary opted to have natural births when it came to their own pregnancies, as was shown in the research.

The study authors suggest that pregnant women be educated about the safety risks of C-section as well as the health benefits associated with natural birth.



Translation

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