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ABSTRACT

OBJECTIVE: To explore experiences described by posters in Swedish virtual communities before, during and after termination of pregnancy due to a fetal anomaly.

DESIGN: Cross-sectional qualitative study of messages in virtual communities. The messages were purposefully selected in 2014 and analyzed with inductive qu

alitative manifest content analysis.

SETTING: Two large and active Swedish virtual communities.

SAMPLE: 1,623 messages from 122 posters (112 females, 1 male, and 9 did not disclose their sex), written between 2008 and 2014. The majority of the posters were females (91%) with

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