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# 5. PREGNANCY HEALTH INFORMATION USE BEHAVIOR AMONG TEENAGE EXPECTANT MOTHERS: AWARENESS AND THE ROLE OF MUSLIM INFORMATION PROFESSIONALS

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#### ABSTRACT

Teenage pregnancy has become a health concern of many communities of the World, Muslim communities included. Dissemination, exchange and sharing of women's health information is still a riddle in many Muslim societies, and little has been done to explore the use of pregnancy health information among teenage expectant mothers. World widely, adolescent expectant mothers experience low use of pregnancy health information due to young maternal age, low levels of education, poor socioeconomic status, and low levels of self efficacy as a result of teenage pregnancy psychosocial trauma. This phenomenon is insidious as it contributes to their unawareness of various maternal health risks and also keeps them aloof from making informed health decisions and it compromises safe motherhood initiatives to improve maternal health conditions in societies. Little is known on the link between improvement of expectant mothers' health conditions and their use of pregnancy health information. The purpose of this paper is to share ideas on the possible role of Muslim information professionals in libraries and information centers on how to improve pregnancy health information use behavior among teenage mothers in our communities, through pregnancy health information motivation and information use skills interventions in