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#### **Early Pregnancy Loss in the Emergency Room: Understanding women's experiences to promote patient-centered care delivery. (G1401RS)**

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#### **Abstract**

**Background:** Nearly one in five recognized pregnancies result in EPL, and many women who experience EPL present to the ER. Patients and providers are faced with difficult and personal decisions, often without the support of their regular provider. The last two decades have seen an increase in research around the physical and mental health of women who experience miscarriage; however it remains unclear how women perceive and understand information provided to them during this process.

**Objective:** We aim to identify themes related to (1) reasons for presentation to the ER, (2) overall satisfaction with ER care, (3) variation in follow up care, and (4) overall satisfaction with follow up care.

**Methodology:** This qualitative pilot study will utilize semi-structured telephone interviews to evaluate women's knowledge, attitudes and beliefs in the 1-2 weeks after receiving miscarriage-related care in the Mount Sinai ER, located in New York City. Information will be coded and analyzed for themes related to the aims as outlined above.

**Results and dissemination:** This study will yield insight into women's experience during and following ER care. This information will be summarized for manuscript submission, presented at local and national meetings, and used for provider education, with a target audience of family and ER physicians.

**Future Research:** The results will be used to generate hypotheses for a larger quantitative study. This study will evaluate specific outcomes, and include an analysis of factors associated with access to care, ER management decisions, and follow up care variations.