

Association of socio-personal factors with the self-esteem of infertile women

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■ **ABSTRACT** : Infertility is a global health challenge which is rising and is rearing its ugly head particularly in developing countries. Though this problem is not life threatening, but the intense mental agony and trauma associated with it can only be described by infertile individual. Infertility has as strong impact on the self-esteem which is an individual's sense of self worth. Self-esteem is a construct which is often influenced by social and personal factors of the individual. The present study was undertaken to study the association of socio-personal factors with the self-esteem of infertile women of Ludhiana district. The study was based on a sample of 180 infertile women (90 rural and 90 urban). Self-esteem was assessed by using self-esteem inventory developed by coopersmith and socio-personal profile was assessed by a self- structured interview schedule. Results revealed that socio-personal factors like age, educational qualification, occupational status, family type, duration of infertility are significantly associated with the self-esteem of the respondents.

■ **KEY WORDS**: Socio-personal factors, Self-esteem, Infertile women

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