
ABSTRACT

Relevant factors affecting grief reaction to miscarriage

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The purpose of this research is to investigate grief to miscarriage. An investigation on the web was conducted with 375 women who experienced a miscarriage. The questionnaire consists of five factors: Shock, Refusal, Anger, Need to talk, Recovery. More than half of the women answered that the relationship with their husbands became better. However, their relationship with friends and the concentration to their work worsened. The grief from miscarriage was relieved gradually three years or more. Women who gave birth later were relieved most. "Recovery" score did not show change by elapsed years, but the relationship with their husbands correlated with "recovery" score. According to multiple linear regression analysis, the present grief score significantly correlated with the past grief just after miscarriage, the length of time which had passed and the relationship with their husbands. Furthermore, depression and grief experienced second miscarriage was deeper than a first miscarriage. It was suggested that the short period after their miscarriage and their age, and their relationship with their husbands influenced this result.

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