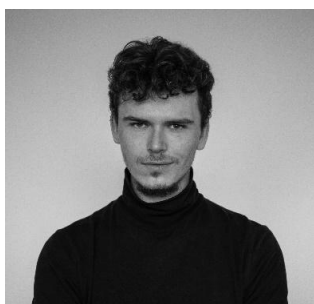


IMPORTANCE AND PECULIARITIES OF PRACTICALLY USED ENGLISH IN MATERNITY SERVICES IN LITHUANIA

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Research purpose (topic, problem, aim). Every living organism is destined to communicate. Some make sounds, others smell, others draw attention to themselves with their body patterns and their colors. People do this not only through actions but also through words. Therefore, human beings are part of an ongoing process in which they have no choice whether or not to be a participant but are the subject and object of communication. Regarding the importance of English language there was aim of this paper to reveal importance and peculiarities of practically used English in maternity services in Lithuania.

Keywords: communication, maternity services, oral communication

Research Methodology. Analysis of scientific literature. A scientific literature analysis approach is used to analyze existing literature on the use of English as a second language in medical and maternity settings. Document content analysis. Analysis of WHO document, analysis of publicly available documents dealing with medical staff communication with foreign patients and recommendations. Linguistic analysis of semi-structured interview. The data were collected using semi-structured interviews. This interview is characterized by the fact that the researcher has a pre-prepared plan - questions. Open-ended questions are asked during the interview, closed questions are avoided. Qualitative content analysis. Excluding categories and subcategories of the theme.

Results / Findings. The results of the linguistic analysis reveal that different midwifery processes and phenomena can be described in various ways in English, e.g., healthcare providers use "labor" and "delivery" as synonyms for childbirth. English serves as a lingua franca, enabling effective communication between midwives and foreign mothers, but sometimes translation applications are used. Collaboration and communication between midwives and foreign mothers ensure higher quality healthcare and accurate exchange of vital information. The study uncovers a need for a unified system regarding second language knowledge.

Originality / Practical implications. For future English public relations and midwifery specialists. This study seeks to uncover the peculiarities and possibilities of English language usage when English is used in maternity services in Lithuania.