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#### **ABSTRACT**

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This study was conducted to document the demographic characteristics of reproductive women and to determine the factors affecting secondary infertility.

Secondary infertility was one of the problems among couples nowadays. This was associated with many factors and affects women's fertility.

The management of the individual couple should always be discussed in the context of their particular clinical situation. Patient should be fully involved in discussion regarding their treatment and should have access to expert advice and counseling to help them in making their choices and in managing their infertility.

Based from the summary of findings, the researchers drawn the fallowing conclusion: that the study revealed that there is an increased of developing secondary infertility in women married between the ages of 31-40 years old, both smokers and alcoholic drinker, women who used pills as a method of contraceptive, being overweight and those with past reproductive history, and with hormonal imbalance.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Infertility is a failure of reproductive couples to conceive after 12 months or more of regular coitus without contraception. It affects approximately 10 percent of couples in the country. Women who have been having coitus but were never pregnant are suffering from primary infertility. Secondary infertility is inability to conceive after one year of unprotected, "well timed" intercourse for couple in which one or both partners have previously conceived a child. Having a label of "infertile" is often traumatic, whether or not a couple already had healthy living child.

The prevalence of sub fertility may occur, which results when the woman's has the possibility of conceiving but its likelihood is constrained due to certain condition. If one partner can compensate for the other partner's impaired fertility, pregnancy maybe possible, although it may take longer to achieve.

Infertility affects couple where both male and female cannot be considered in isolation. Frequently, however, women first seek care for this condition. Age, frequency