

**Table 2 Distribution of participants (n = 800) according to attitude towards men's participation in perinatal care in selected hospitals of Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences**

Statement	Agree		Neutral		Disagree	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Education on prenatal care is necessary for both, fathers and mothers	793	99.1	1	0.1	6	0.8
Pregnant mothers need a lot of emotional support during pregnancy	791	98.9	1	0.1	8	1.0
The media can promote male participation in maternal health	781	97.6	5	0.6	14	1.8
He(l) provide(s) my(her) favourite food as soon as possible	779	97.4	3	0.4	18	2.2
Fathers should have perinatal leave for participation in the birth	775	96.9	3	0.4	22	2.8
Fathers should be allowed to attend prenatal visits	771	96.4	7	0.9	22	2.8
Fathers would participate if they had perinatal leave	763	95.4	5	0.6	32	4.0
He(l) help(s) because the child belongs to us both	760	95.1	3	0.4	36	4.5
He(l) care(s) about my (her) nutrition during pregnancy	749	93.6	5	0.6	46	5.8
Movies and TV serials may contribute in promotion of men's participation	724	90.5	5	0.6	71	8.9
He(l) care(s) about the signs of risks during the pregnancy	709	88.6	1	0.1	90	11.2
He(l) like(s) to accompany me (her) in the visits	707	88.4	1	0.1	92	11.5
He(l) remind(s) me(her) about taking iron and vitamins	626	78.6	7	0.9	164	20.5
Her(my) family encourage me(him) to help her(me) during pregnancy	578	72.2	14	1.8	208	26.0
Consent for women's discharge from hospital should be conditional on the father having received perinatal health care education	551	68.9	21	2.6	228	28.5
Community leaders can promote male participation	524	65.5	81	10.1	195	24.4
He(l) smoke(s) beside me(her) during pregnancy	484	60.5	7	0.9	386	39.0
He(l) do(es) not know how to help	433	54.1	7	0.9	360	45.0
Women raised children without help in past	408	51.0	2	0.4	389	48.6
Wives have no job except household and self care	346	43.2	8	1.0	446	55.8
Husbands who help are called "wife's servant"	338	42.2	9	1.1	453	56.6
He(l) help(s) when his(my) family is not present	336	42.0	14	1.8	450	56.2
His(my) friends encourage him(me) to help me(my wife)	214	26.8	42	5.2	544	68.0
He(l) is(am) always too tired to help me (my wife)	208	26.0	7	0.9	583	73.1
He(l) work(s) so long and has(ve) no opportunity to help me(her)	208	26.0	1	0.1	591	73.9
Neonatal care is not men's job	134	16.8	13	1.6	653	81.6
He(l) is(am) too busy and so has(ve) no mood to support me(her) emotionally	116	14.5	5	0.6	679	84.9
Help to a pregnant mother is not usual in his(my) family	96	12.0	3	0.4	701	87.6
Help to a pregnant mother is not usual in our community	86	10.8	3	0.4	711	88.9
He(l) do(es) not help in the perinatal period because it is a woman's job	56	7.0	7	0.9	737	92.1