

# Systematic Review of Fatigue Management among Parturients

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### Learning objectives

#### The learner will be able to...

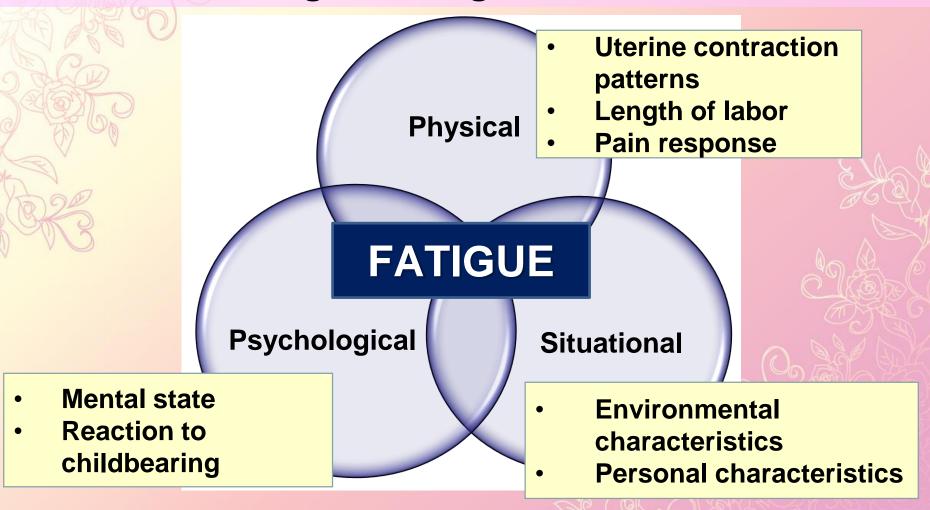
- know about the methods of fatigue
  management among parturients, which was
  systemically reviewed between 1998 to 2014
- discuss methods of fatigue management that have been applied in their countries

### **Expanded content outline**

- Background
- Objective of this study
- Systematic Review Process (JBI)
- Methodology of this study
- Instrument used for selection
- Data analysis
- Results of the study
- Recommendations

### Background

#### 3 factors of Pugh & Milligan's framework (1993)



### Background



# Fatigue management during parturition found:

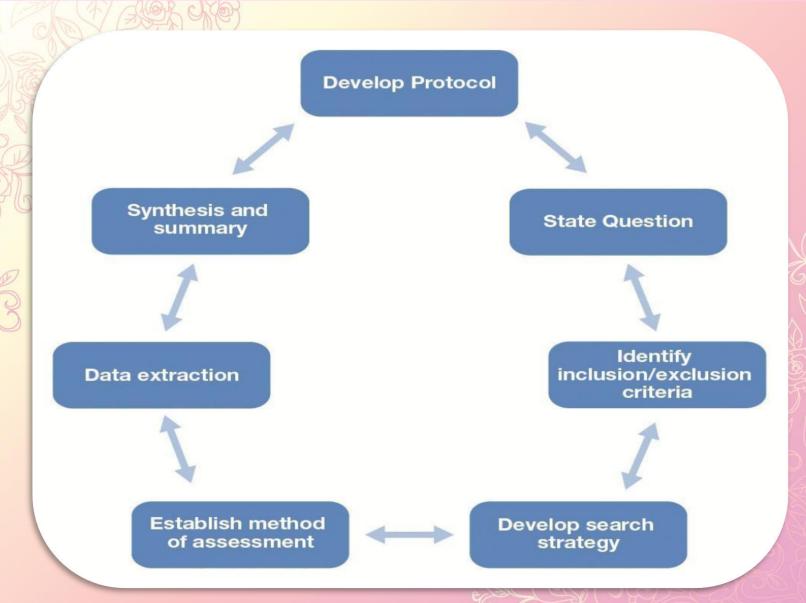
- Various interventions implemented
  - compared methods of pushing
- SR and Meta-analysis of fatigue management were not found.

(Cochrane & JBI database/Protocol)

### The objective of this study...

 To present a scoping review of the literature related to fatigue management during the entire process of labor

### Systematic Review Process (JBI)



### Population and Sample

Published and unpublished qualitative research in English and Thai between 1998 and 2013 (RCTs/quasi-experimental research)

#### **Inclusion criteria**

- P participant = Parturients
- I intervention = Fatigue management
- C comparison/comparator = Control group
- O outcome = Fatigue



### Searching strategies used

## Computerized searching in available and relevant medical and nursing database

 CINAHL, PubMed, Science Direct, Wiley online library, MIDIRS, Academic Search Elite, ProQuest Medical library, Springer Link, Blackwell synergy, Cochrane systematic reviews database, SIGLE, Google Scholar, etc.

**Hand searching** 

Direct-contact with primary researchers/ experts

References/bibliography

### Searching keywords used

- Population---parturient, intrapartum women, etc.
- Intervention---fatigue management, pushing, bearing down, etc.
- Outcome---intrapartum fatigue, early postpartum fatigue, maternal fatigue, etc.

#### Methods of the review used

#### **Inclusion Criteria Form**

#### **Critical Appraisal Form**

Randomized control/ Pseudo-randomized trial

**Data Extraction Form** 

### Data analysis

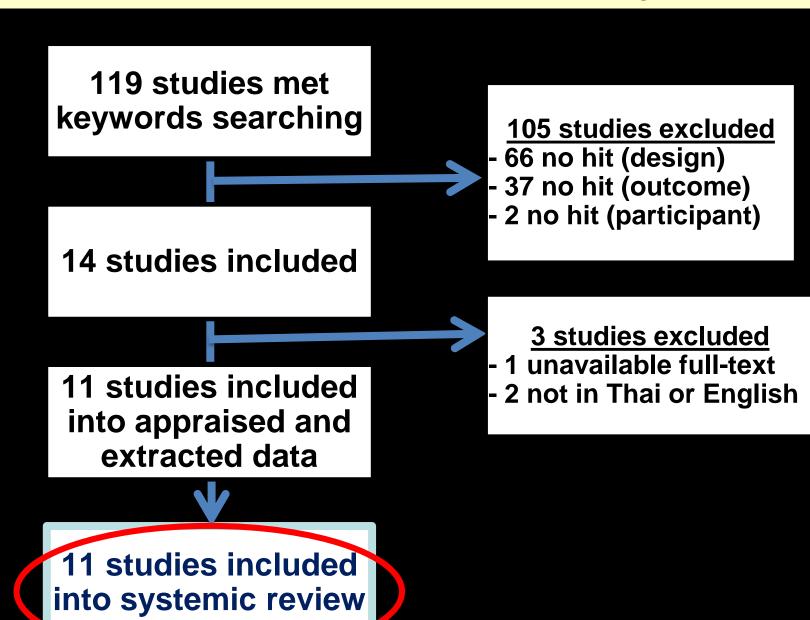
JBI Levels of Evidence (JBI, 2014)

**Descriptive statistics** 

**Narrative summary** 



### Description of the study



### Methodological quality

- 72.7% were RCTs.
- 90.9% papers were published in journals.
- 72.7% were studied outside Thailand.
- 45.5 % published in 2010 2013.
- 81.8% had a large sample size. (n ≥ 30)
- Half of participants were primigavida.
  (54.5%)
- Most of fatigue management was pushing. (81.8%)

### **Summary reviewed**

3 methods of fatigue management: proven to reduce intrapartum fatigue

#### **Pushing methods**

Fatigue management program

(nursing support + positioning + pushing)

**Music therapy** 



#### 1) Pushing techniques

#### **Delayed pushing**

3 papers 1 sig vs. 2 not sig Start pushing when cervix was fully dilated and fetal head descended into perineal stage (Long, 2006)

Feel fully urge to push uncontrollably (Roberts & Woolley, 1996)

Similar to delayed pushing (choose preferably pushing position)

#### **Spontaneous pushing**

6 papers 4 sig vs. 2 not sig Prevent Valsalva maneuver (avoid excessive pushing)

#### 2 techniques of pushing

#### Shorten length of labor contributing to decrease FATIGUE

Avoid compression of inferior vena cava

Prevent fatigue and reduced rate of instrumental deliveries (Roberts & Hanson, 2007)

### 2) Fatigue Management Program

nursing support 

 to reduce causes and symptoms of fatigue

Positioning

Pushing



#### **Music therapy**

(Fulton, 2005)

Relaxed--distraction from pain during 1st stage of labor

NOTE: Resulted from 1 study (RCT with small sample size)

Reduced psychological fatigue

Can be rest at 1<sup>st</sup> stage (save energy)

Reduced the level of perceived labor pain

Reduced physiological fatigue

Pain decreased & fatigue prevented

#### Implications for practice

These were proven to reduce fatigue in terms of physiological factors

- Delayed and spontaneous pushing techniques
- Fatigue management program

Music therapy was proven to reduce fatigue in terms of physiological and psychological factors

#### Implications for research

# Solid information gained from SR Meta-analysis needed

 To conduct experimental research (esp. RCTs, Quasi-) with large sample size using standardized fatigue assessment tool in the same time of measurement

To replicate research conducting music
 therapy needed during the entire process of labor

#### Thank you for your kind attention



