

インドネシアにおける出生前検査の現状と障害観：
インタビュー調査を手がかりに

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The Current Status of Prenatal Genetic Testing and Perceptions of Disability in Indonesia: Based on an Interview Study

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This paper presents an overview of the current state of prenatal testing and disability in Indonesia based on interviews with women who gave birth within five years, midwives, parents of disabled people who is running disabled people's organisations on non-invasive prenatal genetic testing (NIPT) in a country where abortion is largely impossible.

In the interviews, the women noted that induced abortion was considered an impossibility because children are believed to be God-given, and the foetus is recognised as a human being at a certain stage. No ethical conflicts were apparent, as abortion on the grounds of disability is not possible.

An investigation into the current status of NIPT in Indonesia revealed that a global NIPT testing company had started operating in Indonesia and was conducting tests domestically. None of the women interviewed had ever undergone NIPT. However, it could be argued that the uptake of prenatal genetic testing could expand, as prenatal testing does not create ethical conflicts. This potential expansion of prenatal genetic testing would be similar to that in societies where abortion is taken for granted and does not create ethical conflicts.

In Indonesia, families of disabled people's organisations help one another, increase their sense of self-affirmation and create a feeling of solidarity. They have therefore become powerful resources by providing medical care, education and employment support. It can also be said that the intrinsic nature of Indonesian society, in which communal nurturing is the norm and where care is not solely the responsibility of parents, whether their children have a disability or not, provides an environment where disability is not viewed as a burden or a source of concern.