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Propositions accompanying the dissertation

Maternal care in Georgia: An empirical analysis of quality, access and affordability during healthcare reform

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1. The transition of the Georgian health system from the Semashko model to a privatized system has had effects on both efficiency and equity in healthcare. (this dissertation)
2. The phenomenon of a “personal doctor” has improved the quality of maternal care and the autonomy of choice in Georgia. (this dissertation)
3. The absence of continuity of maternal care has led to an overuse of maternal care services and has compromised quality of care in Georgia. (this dissertation)
4. The concentration of facilities in urban areas has influenced equitable access to maternal care in Georgia. (this dissertation)
5. Out-of-pocket payments for maternal care in Georgia are associated with low satisfaction with maternal care. (this dissertation)
6. The lack of regulation and monitoring mechanisms has a negative effect on the quality of maternal care in Georgia. (this dissertation)
7. “The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.” Aristotle
8. “A man who does not remember his past is like a man who does not know where he came from and where he is going.” Ilia Chavchavadze
9. In any market, including health, access and quality influence the stakeholders’ satisfaction with the product, which ultimately depends on the ability and willingness to pay the social, economic and political costs.
10. What is a necessity for healthy fruit? A healthy tree! Accordingly, a healthy mother, including safe-motherhood, is necessary for a healthy new generation.