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Abstract Objective: To evaluate the psychosocial impact among mothers with perinatal loss and its contributing factors. Methods: A cross sectional study was conducted in University Kebangsaan Malaysia Medical Centre (UKMMC) from April 2008 to May 2009 using Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS) and self administered questionnaire. Hutti et al. (1998) mentioned that, by talking with the parents in evaluating their experience on the actual perinatal loss and comparing it to the "standard of the desirable," those parents who are likely to feel angry and victimized should be screened. The "standard of the desirable" in his study was defined as "the way it ought to be, if I have to go through it" as been mentioned by Dougherty (1984). However, there were no significant differences between psychosocial impact and history of previous perinatal loss, ethnicity, occupation, educational level, age or total income. Keywords: Perinatal loss, Stillbirth, Neonatal death, Psychosocial impact, Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS)