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Background

The linkage between self-rated health (SRH) and self-reported illness (SRI) is under-studied in low and middle income countries.

Aim

To investigate the consistency between SRH and SRI by socio-demographic characteristics among women in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt).

Methods

Logistic regression used to analyse the Palestinian Family Health Survey (PFHS) 2010, women aged 15-54, to investigate socioeconomic and demographic inequalities in reporting poor SRH and SRI

Results

- Direction of Inequalities remain whether we consider SRI or SRH
- Regional differences go opposite direction for Gaza: negative SRH, positive SRI
- Parity positively correlated to poor health and only significant for SRH

Interpretation

Clear within- and between- disparities exist in SRH and SRI in Palestine. Disparities in SRH and SRI must be accounted for in analyses of data from oPt. Regional disparities are not negligible and will affect health intervention planning in oPt.

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