

Table 3**Increased risks in obese pregnant women compared with the general population**

	Risk for whole pregnant population	Risk for women with BMI ≥ 35 kg/m ²
Percentage of women in lowest economic quintile	27.6%	34%
Spontaneous labour	69%	47%
Induction of labour	20%	33%
Instrumental delivery	25%	55%
General anaesthetic required	5.5%	7.7%
Women discharged within 24 hours of delivery	74%	58%
Stillbirth rate	3.9 per 1,000 deliveries	8.6 per 1,000 deliveries