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A descriptive study to assess the knowledge and attitude on neonatal jaundice among the mothers in a selected village of Puducherry**Manju Bala Dash**

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A descriptive study to assess the knowledge and attitude on neonatal jaundice among the 50 mothers in selected villages of Puducherry was conducted with interview schedule and convenient sampling technique. The objectives of the study are to assess the existing knowledge and attitude of the mothers on neonatal jaundice and management of baby during neonatal jaundice. The findings of the study shows that 21 (42%) mothers were in the age group of 21-25 years, 48 (96%) were Hindus, 24 (48%) were educated up to primary level, 40 (80%) belong to joint families, 38 (76%) were primi mothers, 12(24%) were multi mothers. Regarding the knowledge on neonatal jaundice, only one (2%) mother had adequate knowledge. In relation to their attitude it showed that 15 (30%) mothers had positive attitude towards the management pattern of the baby on jaundice that is taking the baby to hospital for treatment, continuing breast feeding etc. The conclusion is that the mother is the first care giver for the baby, so they must identify the color change and seek immediate medical care by which they can prevent the complications and save the life.

Biography

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