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ABSTRACT

The objective of this study is to survey breast feeding behavior and its related factors.

Behavior of Mothers Burirum Province

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Data was obtained by using direct interview and close observation of 200 postpartum mothers delivery at three community hospitals in Buriram province at 16 days afterdelivery. The physical examination and postpartum complication were recorded, the study performed during 1 April 93 to 30 July 93. The data were analized by using percentage, Analysis of variance (ANOVA), t-test and chi-square test, with 95 % confidence interval statistic by SPSS/pc program. The results revealed that majority of mothers had moderate level of breast feeding behavior (84.0%), only 1.5% of mothers had good level of breast feeding behavior and the rest 14.5% of mothers had poor level of breast feeding behavior. Factors significance related to breast feeding behavior were Yu-fai (p-value = 0.03), good nutrition behavior (p-value = 0.03), knowledge about breast feeding of mothers (p-value = 0.02). Social support especially form health personnel (p-value = 0.000), husband and relatives (p-value = 0.000) respectively.

There were no relationship of mother's age, mother's education, mother's occupation, family's income, postpartum complication and personnal hygine to breast feeding behavior.

Policy about breast feeding should be promoted at all level of health services. The factors influened breast feeding behavior promoted and supported by education and demontration to mothers especially Yu-fai's mothers at ante-natal care unit, labour room and home visit program.