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## Association Between Mother Factors With Pre-lacteal Feeding Practice To Newborn In Working Area Of Air Dingin Primary Health Center 2017

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### A B S T R A C T

The maintenance of infant health can be done by early and exclusive breastfeeding. However, exclusive breastfeeding has not been achieved. This may be due to the administration of pre-lacteal foods. Pre-lacteal feeding practice define as administration of food/drink despite of breastmilk without indication to newborn during the first three days without any medical indication. The purpose of this study is to determine the association between maternal factors with pre-lacteal feeding to newborns in the working area of Air Dingin Primary Health Center. This study was an analytical study with cross sectional design with a sample of mothers who have babies aged 0-12 months in the working area of Air Dingin Primary Health Center. This study was conducted from November 2016 to October 2017. Data will analyze using chi square analysis ( $p < 0.05$ ). A total of 63% of mothers administrated pre-lacteal foods. The result revealed p-value between pre-lacteal feeding and maternal knowledge ( $p = 0,03$ ), parity ( $0,037$ ) and mother's job status ( $p = 0,771$ ). There was a significant relationship between maternal knowledge and parity with pre-lacteal feeding. It is necessary to provide information to the mother by health workers and to increase mother awareness to get information from KIA book. As well as a concern on primipara mothers.

## I. INTRODUCTION

One of nation's welfare indicator is seen from Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) which in 2030 will target to decline the number of neonatal deaths to 12 per 1,000 live births (UN, 2017). Effort that can be taken is to do baby health maintenance with early and exclusive breastfeeding (Mulyani, 2013).

Target of exclusive breastfeeding (80%) has not been achieved either in Indonesia (42%), West Sumatra (62.6%) and in Padang City (70.74%) with lowest achievement from 2013-2015 in Air Dingin Public Health Center (47.9 %, 52.6% and 53.75%) (West Sumatra Health Office, 2015 and Padang Health Office, 2014, 2015, 2016). One of the factors that affecting the failure of exclusive breastfeeding is the administration of prelacteal food (Patil, 2015 and Nguyen, 2016). Prelacteal food is food or drink despite of breast milk given to infants in the first three days after birth without medical indication and belonging to predominant breastfeeding (Suhardjo, 2010 and Ministry of Health, 2014). Prelacteal feeding is usually relates with culture and beliefs (Watson, 2013).

The most common prelacteal foods in Indonesia are formula milk (82.6%), water (11.9%) and honey (11.7%) (Kemenkes RI, 2013). Several reasons for administrate prelacteal feeding are breastmilk has not come out (32.6%), breastmilk is not enough (19.8%), the advice from parents or family (12%), breastmilk does not exist (7%) and other reasons (2%) (Oktaria, 2012). Prelacteal feeding increases the risk of diarrhea, impairs growth of bowel function and leads to early allergies (Lamberti 2011 and Roesli, 2012). Also can interrupt the breastfeeding process further because the baby will have difficulty to suck milk (Sundaram, 2013). Baby is also full sooner, rarely suckle, and milk production is reduced, so the mother loses self-confidence and begins to stop breastfeeding the baby (Mulyani, 2013 and Novianti, 2013).

Maternal factors can affect prelacteal feeding. Maternal factors are mother's knowledge, parity and job status (Oktaria, 2012; Rohmin, 2015 and Triatmadja, 2016). Prelacteal foods may be administered with some maternal medical indications such as HIV, severe illness, certain drug consumption and infants medical indications such as special milk needs or special measures that listed in the explanation of Indonesian government regulations No. 33 about Exclusive Breastfeeding (2012).

This study aims to determine the relationship between maternal factors with prelacteal feeding in newborns in the working area of Air Dingin primary health center 2017.

## II. METHODS

This research was a quantitative research with cross sectional design. Conducted in the working area of Air Dingin Primary Health Center, Padang. There were 73 mothers with 0-12 month babies who became sample of this study that meet inclusion criteria and have no exclusion criteria, taken by cluster proportional random sampling. Data collected by interviewed using valid and reliable questionnaire. Data analyzed in univariate and bivariate by using chi-square analysis ( $p < 0,05$ ).

## III. RESULT

### Univariate Analysis

#### Prelacteal Feeding

**Table 1** Distribution of Prelacteal Feeding in the Working Area of Air Dingin Primary Health Center in 2017

Prelacteal Feeding	f (n = 73)	%
Given	46	63.0
Not given	27	37.0

**Table 2.** Type of Prelacteal Foods

Type	f (n = 64)	%
Formula milk	38	59.4
Water	14	21.9
Honey / honey + water	6	9.4

Tea	2	3.1
Coffee	3	4.7
Others	1	1.6

In this study, 63% of mothers administrated prelacteal foods to their babies (Table 1). The most common types of prelacteal foods are formula milk (59.4%), water (21.9%) and honey (9.4%) (Table 2).

**Table 3. Who administrates Prelakteal Foods**

Which gives	f (n = 75)	%
Mother	27	36.0
Husband	4	5.3
Close family		
Grandmother	14	18.7
Aunt	5	6.7
Health workers		
Midwife	14	18.7
Nurse	7	9.3
Doctor	4	5.3

**Table 4. Reasons for Prelakteal Feeding**

Reason	f (n = 74)	%
Breast milk does not exist	14	18.9
Breast milk is not enough	18	24.3
Babies do not want to breastfeed	3	4.1
Baby Crying Continuesly	3	4.1
Breast problems		
Inverted nipple	2	2.7
Big nipple	1	1.3
Suggest a friend	2	2.7
Healthcare advice	6	8.1
Others		
Difficult to move post SC	4	5.4
After administration of Formula Milk	3	4.1
For baby's health	2	2.7
Prevent baby from seizures	1	1.3
Parental advice	15	20.3

A total of 36% of prelacteal foods in this study were administered by the mother, there are also provided by health workers (33.3%) or family (25.4%). Family member that gave prelacteal food the most was grandmother (18.7%) (Table 3). The most prevalent reason for prelacteal feeding was because according to mother, the milk was not enough (24,3%), recommendation from mother's parents (20,3%) and mother's milk

did not exist at the beginning of breastfeeding (18,9%) (Table 4).

## Independent Variable

**Table 5. Distribution of Independent Variable**

Variables	f (n =73)	%
Mother's knowledge		
Poor	43	58.9
Good	30	41.1
Parity		
Primipara	26	35.6
Multipara	47	64.4
Mother's job status		
Worked	19	26.0
Not worked	54	74.0

In this study, 58.9% of mothers have a poor level of knowledge (score <76%) (Table 5). A total of 64.4% of mothers still answered incorrectly when asked definition of exclusive breastfeeding and as much as 64.4% of mothers do not know the name of first milk and 63% do not know the meaning of colostrum. There are also 50.7% of mothers who do not know the effects of prelacteal feeding (Table 6). In this study, 74% of respondents are not working and a total of 64.4% respondents are multipara.

**Table 6 Mother's Knowledge**

Knowledge Questions	Correct		Wrong	
	f	%	f	%
Exclusive breastfeeding				
Definition of exclusive breastfeeding	26	35.6	47	64.4
Benefits for baby	73	100	0	0.0
Benefits for mother	72	98.6	1	1.4
Colostrum				
Name of first milk	26	35.6	47	64.4
Definition of colostrum	27	37.0	46	63.0
The benefits of first milk	67	91.8	6	8.2
Prelakteal Food				
Food for babies ages 0-3 days	51	69.9	22	30.1
Time to start feeding despite of breast milk	59	80.8	14	19.2
Impact of prelakteal feeding	36	49.3	37	50.7

## Bivariate Analysis

**Table 7. Bivariate analysis**

Variables	Prelacteal Feeding				Total		95% CI	p-value
	Given		Not Given					
	f	%	f	%	f	%		
Mothers knowledge								
Poor	32	74.4	11	25.6	43	100	3,325 (1,233 - 8,964)	0.03
Good	14	46.7	16	53.3	30	100		
Parity								
Primi para	21	80.8	5	19.2	26	100	3,696 (1,19- 11,45)	0.03
Multi para	25	53.2	22	46.8	47	100		
Mothers job Status								
Work	13	68.4	6	31.6	19	100	1,379 (0,454 - 4,189)	0.77
Does not work	33	61.1	21	38.9	54	100		
Total	46	63.0	27	37.0	73	100		

Based on the results of the analysis, there was a significant relationship between prelacteal feeding with mothers knowledge and parity. However, there was no significant relationship between mothers job status with prelacteal feeding (Table 7).

## IV. DISCUSSION

The high rate of prelacteal feeding in the working area of the Air Dingin Primary Health Center is worrying. The high rate of formula feeding as prelacteal food can be caused by formula milk advertisement and health workers who take the initiative to administrated formula milk or promoted and gave formula milk to mother when discharged after giving birth (Sutayani, 2012 and Rahmawati, 2016). In this study there was one respondent who was given formula milk while discharged from the health service.

Poor level of mother's knowledge in this study may be caused by lack of information about exclusive breastfeeding, colostrum and prelacteal feeding by health workers. Knowledge or cognitive domain is a very important domain to form a person

(overt behavior) (Fitrayeni, 2015). It can also be caused by a lack of awareness of mothers to seek and obtain information about it.

Mothers with poor knowledge are more likely to provide prelacteal foods than well-informed mothers. The result of this study was in line with Rohmin's study (2015) in Palembang City that mothers with poor knowledge were more likely to provide prelacteal foods. In this study, almost most of the mothers do not know the definition of Exclusive breastmilk and colostrum.

According to the mother, breastfeeding can be interspersed with formula milk or water. The most reason to provide prelacteal feeding in this study is because the mother felt that breast milk is not sufficient for infants. This is due to a lack of mother's knowledge about breast milk production in the first three days.

In addition, mother is also not know the impact of prelacteal feeding, and mothers do not felt wrong when administrating prelacteal food to the baby. Mother's poor knowledge and the existence of the habit or belief in the certain foods become the causes of prelacteal feeding (Oktaria, 2012). Maternal knowledge about breastfeeding and prelacteal feeding is influenced by information exposure and the role of health workers in providing health education (Rahmawati, 2016). Midwives have roles and functions in midwifery care in both individuals, groups, and communities (Fitrayeni, 2015).

Therefore, it is necessary to increase the role of health workers in improving mother's knowledge about exclusive breastfeeding, colostrum and prelacteal feeding, and increase mother awareness to seek health information related to breastfeeding in KIA books.

Prelacteal feeding by primiparous mothers was more likely (80.8%) than multiparous mother (53.2%) (Table 7), this was in line with Triatmaja (2016) and Sundaram (2013) studies which stated that multiparous mothers were more likely not to provide food/drinks despite of breast milk to infants during the first three

days ( $p < 0.05$ ), because when they experiencing breastfeeding problems in the first three days after delivery, the multiparous mother was not panicked and not end up administrating prelacteal feeding to their baby. Primiparous mothers usually have fewer breastfeeding experiences than multiparous mothers. Usually primiparous mothers will ask the nearest person while having problems while breastfeeding and there were families who suggested to administrate prelacteal food to overcome the problem as well so the baby's weight can be risen fast and get fat (Lanamana, 2014).

The influence of the closest person to mothers with the decision to provide prelacteal food should be considered. Health workers can provide information not only to mothers but also to closest persons to mothers such as husbands or mothers' parents when mothers did antenatal visits. Health workers can also improve the focus of ANC services and information on primiparous mothers.

There was no significant different of prelacteal feeding prevalence between worked mothers and not worked mothers. Although there was no association, worked mother administrated prelacteal feeding more than unworked mother (68.4% : 61.1%). This was because in worked mothers the family income is higher, so the family's ability to buy formula milk is also higher. This can be seen from the type of prelacteal food that most given in this study is formula milk.

The results of this study were in line with the Triatmaja (2016) study in Bogor which found that prelacteal feeding by mothers who worked more than mothers did not work. Mothers will work more to increase family income, so this can cause mothers to start feeding despite of breast milk to their babies. While unworked mothers have more time with their baby, so it tends not to provide food/drinks despite of breast milk within the first 24 hours to the baby (Asemahagn, 2016). The tendency of mothers to work in providing prelacteal foods can be attributed to high levels of

family income on working mothers, which increases the purchasing ability of families.

## V. CONCLUSION

Prelacteal feeding is related to mother's knowledge and parity. Therefore it is necessary to increase the provision of information about EIB, exclusive breastfeeding, problems while breastfeeding and prelacteal feeding to the community, especially pregnant women who visit ANC and become a concern on primipara mother and mother's family.

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