ABSTRACT

SINTIAWATI UNO. Management of Bathing Procedures for Neonates Aged 0-1 Month among Postpartum Mothers in Hutabohu Village, Gorontalo Regency. In Hutabohu Village, Gorontalo Regency, guided by Harismayanti as chairman and Ani Retni as member

As mothers transition into their roles and become parents during the postpartum period, numerous challenges arise, particularly for first-time mothers (primiparas). Many mothers need to know the proper care techniques for their infants. Therefore, preparation for facing postpartum conditions should begin during pregnancy. Based on this focus, this study aimed to assess the management of bathing procedures for neonates aged 0-1 month by postpartum mothers. This research employed a descriptive survey method, with a sample size of 30 respondents analyzed using univariate analysis. The results indicated that among the 30 respondents, 4 respondents (13.3%) bathed their infants properly, 5 respondents (16.7%) did so adequately, and 21 respondents (70%) exhibited poor bathing practices. The conclusion drawn from this study was that most postpartum mothers could not bathe newborns properly, with 21 respondents (70%) demonstrating inadequate skills compared to those who could bathe their newborns correctly. The study recommended providing socialization and practical training on bathing neonates to postpartum mothers, enabling them to perform bathing procedures independently at home.

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