Malpractice in breastfeeding

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Misconceptions run as an ice ball among people. Regarding breastfeeding, misconceptions are widespread and the mother receives a lot of confusing information from her family, friends, nurses and even pediatricians. Breastfeeding is an easy come, easy go process. It can go by one false advice, depriving the mother and her baby from the benefits of breastfeeding. In this presentation, all the common misconceptions about breastfeeding among mothers and pediatricians will be trouble-shooted. Malpractice among pediatricians and obstetricians is also discussed and corrected such as basic advices to breastfeed the healthy new-born, management of insufficient weight gain in a breastfed baby, management of breast infections, nutritional advices to the mothers, and breastfeeding guidelines of the incubated baby. Despite that all these misconceptions can easily drive the mother to terminate breastfeeding, it can be easily avoided and this is the aim of this presentation.

Biography

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