Maternal and Infant Attributes and Antecedents of Breastfeeding

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CONCLUSIONS

• There is lots of research available to discuss the implications of breastfeeding for the mother and infant
  • But, there is a lack of discussion upon the barriers to successful breastfeeding
  • Analysis of attributes and antecedents showed the many barriers of breastfeeding for the mother and infant
  • By identifying patient-specific attributes and antecedents, while utilizing the SEM models, nurses can promote greater health outcomes
    - Theme #1: Majority of the variables carry antecedent properties
    - Theme #2: Individual level on the SEM model was most frequently used for classification.
    - Least frequently used variable was organizational
    - Theme #3: WIC participation and employment status occurred at all 5 levels of SEM

NURSING IMPLICATIONS

• Based on the above themes and patterns identified, nurses can:
  • Categorize patients’ needs to ensure optimal outcomes
  • Create a more focused plan of care by systematically approaching antecedents followed by attributes
  • Recognize how the various SEM levels impact the patient
  • Gather adequate resources, knowledge, and a better baseline of information that is patient-specific via SEM utilization

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