



EFFECTIVENESS OF VIDEO ASSISTED TEACHING REGARDING KNOWLEDGE ON LABOUR PROCESS AMONG PRIMIGRAVIDAE ATTENDING ANTENATAL OPD AT SELECTED MATERNITY HOSPITALS, BANGALORE

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ABSTRACT

Background and Objectives: Pregnancy is a unique, exciting and often joyous time in a woman's life. It is said that labor can be one of the most tiring and energetic experiences of a woman's life. Primigravidae is the one who is more anxious about labor because of the lack of previous exposure to labor. In order to educate and encourage the primigravidae, to improve their knowledge regarding labor process, the study was conducted to evaluate the Effectiveness of video assisted teaching regarding knowledge on labor process among primigravidae attending antenatal OPD at selected maternity hospital, Bengaluru. **Methods:** Pre-experimental design, with purposive sampling method was used. Information was collected from 40 primigravidae regarding labor process using the structured interview schedule. VAT was implemented and post-test was conducted after 7 days to find the effectiveness. **Results:** Majority of respondents were from 19-26 years were Hindus, belongs to nuclear family, completed middle school education, occupation being home maker, monthly income below Rs. 3,000, attained menarche at 19-21 years; between 32-34 wks of gestation. Major information had from family members / relatives. Regarding effectiveness of VAT, the overall mean knowledge score in the pre-test was 37.9% and 79.5% in the post test with enhancement of 41.5% and it was significant at 5 % level. Analysis of socio-demographic variables showed significant association between age in years, occupation, age at menarche, gestational age with knowledge score at 5% level ($P > 0.05$). **Interpretation and Conclusion:** Overall findings showed that pre-test knowledge scores were found to be 37.9% and after VAT, knowledge of primigravidae was enhanced by 41.5% regarding labor process. Hence the result has proved that VAT was effective in improving the knowledge of primigravidae on labor process.

KEYWORDS: Primigravidae, labor, tiring and energetic.

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Pregnancy is a unique, exciting and often joyous time in a woman's life. It is said that labor can be one of the most tiring and energetic experiences of a woman's life. Primigravidae is one who is more anxious about labor because of the lack of exposure to labor. In order to educate and encourage the primigravidae, to improve their knowledge regarding labor process the study was conducted.^[1]

Pregnant women in general and first time mothers in particular are provided with a vast amount of information. Many women especially first time mothers attend antenatal classes which prepare them for labor and delivery.^[1]

Labor is called labour because of the amount of physical work it involves. It is said that labor is one of the most

tiring energetic experiences of a women's life. Some people says it is like running a marathon. Now no one would consider entering a marathon race without a proper preparation and training specifically for it. From the time women know and are ready to believe that she is pregnant, she could be preparing for this big event.^[2]

Knowledge regarding the pregnancy and labor has the positive influence on the antenatal women to take adequate care of her and in turn leads to better compliance during labor process, there by leading to natural child birth. The child birth experience is a complex event and important life experience for women. Prepared child birth reduces the fear and tension of the child birth by education and relaxation.^[3]

In India most mothers have poor knowledge on antenatal and intranatal care available to them. Illiteracy, poverty

and lack of communication and transport facility make them vulnerable to serious consequences.^[4]

Studies related to maternal and infant mortality and morbidity suggested that prenatal education programme should be developed and conducted by health educators because this education would have its goal awareness on the part of pregnant women and their behaviour affects the health of their infants.^[5]

Primigravidae mother is the one who is more anxious about labor because of the lack of information about the labor process. If she is provided with adequate information regarding labor process and her role in labor, it will empower her during labour and have control over labor process.^[6]

Knowledge regarding the pregnancy and labor has a positive influence on the antenatal women, to take adequate care of her and intern leads to better compliance during labor process, there by leading to natural child birth. The child birth experience is a complex event and important life experience for women. Studies show that women who are prepared and use the comfort measures from child birth preparation classes by using Video assisted Teaching make the birthing process easier and have a shorter labor if all factors are favourable.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

1. To assess the pre test level of knowledge regarding labor process among primigravidae attending antenatal OPD of selected maternity hospitals, Bangalore.
2. To evaluate the effectiveness of Video assisted Teaching regarding labor process among primigravidae attending antenatal OPD of selected hospitals, Bangalore.
3. To find out the association between post test knowledge scores regarding labor process among primigravidae attending antenatal OPD of selected hospitals, Bangalore and their selected socio demographic variables.

Hypotheses

H₁: There will be a significant increase in the mean post test knowledge scores of primigravidae regarding labor process.

H₂: There will be a significant association between the post test knowledge scores of primigravidae regarding labor process and selected socio demographic variables.

Assumptions

1. Primigravidae will have some knowledge regarding labor process.
2. Video assisted teaching can increase the knowledge of Primigravidae regarding labor process and improves labor outcome.

Variables of the study

1. **Independent Variables:** Video assisted teaching on labor process.
2. **Dependent variables:** Knowledge of primigravidae regarding labor process.
3. **Socio-demographic variables:** Age, Educational status, Type of family, Religion, Occupation, family income, age at menarche, age at marriage, gestational age and Source of Information.

Delimitation

The study is delimited to 40 primigravidae attending antenatal OPD of selected maternity hospitals, Bangalore.

Conceptual Framework

The conceptual framework of the study parameter is based on Orem's self care model. The study was aimed at developing and evaluating the effectiveness of Video assisted teaching on knowledge regarding labor process. According to Orem, adequate knowledge about labor process improves the health of the mother and have positive labor outcome.

METHODOLOGY

Research approach and design

An evaluative approach was adopted and pre experimental with one group pre-test and post-test design was used for this study. Study was conducted in vanivilas maternity hospital, Bangalore. The primigravidae were selected from antenatal OPD of Vanivilas Maternity Hospital, Bangalore. Forty primigravidae were selected by purposive sampling technique.

Criteria for Selection of Samples

Inclusion criteria

- Primigravidae who have completed 32 weeks of gestation
- Primigravidae who are willing to participate in the study.

Exclusion criteria

- Primigravidae with high risk pregnancy.
- Primigravidae who are not present at the time of data collection.

Tool used for the study

A structured interview schedule and video assisted teaching material were prepared to collect the data to achieve objectives of the study. The tool was developed by the investigator after reviewing the related literature and guidance from the experts in the field.

Section I: Socio demographic schedule consists of 10 items which include Age, Educational status, Type of family, Religion, Occupation, family income, age at menarche, age at marriage, gestational age and Source of Information on labor process.

Section II: Structured interview schedule regarding Knowledge on labor process consists of 34 items of multiple choices.

Section III; Video assisted teaching material consists of 3 components. They are Anatomy and physiology of uterus, Normal pregnancy, Normal labor process.

Procedure for data collection

Formal administrative permission was obtained from the Medical superintendent of Vanivilas hospital and written consent was taken from the subjects. Socio – demographic data was collected from subjects through

structured interview schedule. The pre- test was conducted among primigravidae to assess the pre- test knowledge level regarding labor process. The facility for video screening of the teaching was arranged in the comfortable room. Videos were projected with step by step explanation regarding Anatomy and physiology of the uterus, Normal pregnancy and Normal labor process. Video Assisted teaching was screened through projector for 40 minutes. After one week Post test was conducted to assess the knowledge of subjects regarding labor process through the same structured interview schedule which was used for pre- test.

RESULTS

Table 1: Aspect wise mean pre- test and post – test knowledge of primigravidae attending antenatal OPD.

N=40

NO.	Knowledge aspects	Respondents knowledge (%)						Paired 't' Test
		Pre-test		Post –test		Enhancement		
		Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	
I	Normal pregnancy	33.2	12.7	77.1	16.1	43.9	18.4	15.09*
II	Stages of labor	36.0	12.8	79.3	10.2	43.3	14.0	19.56*
III	Signs of labor & pain management	45.4	16.9	83.8	13.9	38.3	16.1	15.05*
IV	Position, pushing techniques & nutrition	38.6	15.9	78.9	13.2	40.2	14.7	17.30*
	Combined	37.9	10.3	79.5	6.8	41.5	9.5	27.63*

*Significant at 5% level $t(0.05,39 \text{ df})=1.96$

Table 2: Classification of subjects regarding knowledge on labor process.

Knowledge level	Category	Classification of subjects				X ² value
		Pre test		Post test		
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Inadequate	< 50%	29	72.5	0	0.0	56.17*
Moderate	51-75%	11	27.5	13	32.5	
Adequate	> 75%	0	0.0	27	67.5	
Total		40	100.0	40	100.0	

*Significant at 5% level $\chi^2(0.05,2 \text{ df})=5.991$

Table 3: Over all pre test and post test mean knowledge score on labor process.

	Max.score	Subject's knowledge				Paired't' test
		Mean	SD	Mean%	SD%	
Pre test	34	12.93	3.5	37.9	10.3	27.63*
Post test	34	27.03	2.3	79.5	6.8	
Enhancement	34	14.13	3.2	41.5	9.5	

*Significant at 5% level $t(0.05,39 \text{ df})=1.96$

Table 4: Association between socio-demographic variables and post test knowledge score.

N=40

Socio-demographic variables	Category	Sample	Subject's knowledge				Chi square	P value
			Moderate		Adequate			
			N	%	n	%		
Age(years)	19-22	20	3	15	17	85	5.58* df=1	P<0.05
	23-26	20	10	50	10	50		
	combined	40	13	32.5	27	67.5		
Educational Status	Primary School	10	6	60	4	40	4.67 NS df=3	P>0.05
	Middle School	12	3	25	9	75		
	High School	10	2	20	8	80		
	Pre University	8	2	25	6	75		

	combined	40	13	32.5	27	67.5		
Occupation	Home Maker	31	8	25.8	23	74.2	6.88*	P<0.05
	Daily Wages / coolie	5	4	80.0	1	20.0		
	Private Employee	4	1	25.0	3	75.0		
	combined	40	13	32.5	27	67.5		
Age at menarche	12-13	25	5	20	20	80	4.75*	P<0.05
	14-15	15	8	53.3	7	46.7		
	combined	40	13	32.5	27	67.5		
Age at marriage	19-21	22	7	31.8	15	68.2	0.01 ^{NS}	P>0.05
	22-24	18	6	33.3	12	66.7		
	combined	40	13	32.5	27	67.5		
Gestational age in weeks	32-34	28	6	21.4	22	78.6	5.22*	P<0.05
	36-38	12	7	58.3	5	41.7		
	combined	40	13	32.5	27	67.5		
Religion	Hindu	20	7	35	13	65	0.16 NS	P>0.05
	Muslim	14	4	28.6	10	71.4		
	Christian	6	2	33.3	4	66.7		
	combined	40	13	32.5	27	67.5		
Family income/month	Rs.2000-3000	22	8	36.4	14	63.6	0.33 ^{NS}	P>0.05
	Rs.4000-6000	18	5	27.8	13	72.2		
	combined	40	13	32.5	27	67.5		
Type of family	Nuclear	24	8	33.3	16	66.7	0.02 ^{NS}	P>0.05
	Joint	16	5	31.2	11	68.8		
	combined	40	13	32.5	27	67.5		
Source of information on labor process	Print media	2	0	0.0	2	100	2.02 ^{NS}	P>0.05
	Health personnel	6	1	16.7	5	83.8		
	Family members	21	8	38.1	13	61.9		
	Others	11	4	36.4	7	63.6		
	combined	40	13	32.5	27	67.5		

FINDINGS OF THE STUDY

Based on the age equal proportion (50%) of the respondents belongs to the age group of 19-22 years and 23-26 years.30% of the respondents completed middle school education.77% were home makers.62.5% attained menarche between the age of 12-13 years.55% were married between the age of 19-21 years.70% were belonged to 32-34 weeks of gestation.

The overall post test mean knowledge found to be 79.5% with SD of 6.8%. The highest mean 83.8% seen in signs of labor & pain management aspect.

The overall pre test mean knowledge score was 37.9% & post test value was 79.5% with enhancement of 41.5%. Paired 't' test shows statistical significance at 5% level(p<0.05) establishing the impact of video assisted teaching on labor process among primigravidae.

Findings related to association between post test knowledge score and socio- demographical variables shows significant association between age, occupation, age at menarche, gestational age and knowledge scores. There was no significant association between educational status, age at marriage, religion, family income/month, type of family, sources of knowledge on labor process and post test knowledge score.

DISCUSSION

A report of findings is never sufficient to convey their significance. The meaning that researchers give to the results plays a right and important role in the report. The discussion Section is devoted to a thoughtful and insightful analysis of the finding, leading to a discussion of their clinical and theoretical utility.^[7]

In this study the primigravidae who had socio demographic and economic conditions of maternal factors such as age, parity, quality of antenatal care and previous obstetric history was influenced the risk factors during antenatal period. Similar study conducted by Nair NS, Rao RS, Chandrashekar (1994) found that the socio demographic variables influences the quality antenatal care and found to be more at risk of having low birth basics.^[8]

Education plays an important role. In this study the primigravidae who had high schools and above education level were able to follow recommended dietary practices during antenatal period. Panwar B and Punia D (1998) conducted a co-relational study found that the Pregnant Women who had education could able to take recommended dietary allowances with increase intake of protein, calcium and Iron.^[9]

Related to type of family in this study the nuclear family comprises 60% and joint family 40%. Similar findings in descriptive study conducted by Agarwal S and others 67.9% respondents were belonged to joint family.^[10]

Related to socio-economic status, study revealed that there is impact of socio-economic states of knowledge, opinion and practices of antenatal mothers regarding antenatal care (Kumar R. Singh & Kaur M 1997). In this study it is found that socioeconomic status had no impact on knowledge of antenatal mothers regarding antenatal care.^[11]

The effectiveness of birth-preparedness program was conducted by Mc Pherson RA, Khadka N. More J M (2006) revealed that it can positively influence knowledge and intermediate health outcomes similar report has been found in this study as there is improvement is experimental group's perinatal outcome.^[12]

In this study it is found that who had education program had used good delivery method and initiated breast feeding within half an hour of delivery compared to control group who had not received education. Similar study was conducted by Chien Ly; Tai CJ (2007) found the effectiveness of delivery method and timing of breast feeding initiation on breastfeeding outcomes in Taiwan.^[13]

In this study primigravidae who had attended the birth process classes had knowledge and less anxious about labor. Similar study conducted by Artieta PL et.al shows the results that the antenatal mothers who had birth preparedness classes had good coping mechanism and confident.^[14]

The primigravidae who had video assisted teaching on labor process had adequate knowledge. Similar study conducted by Maimburg RD. Warth M. Durr shows the improved knowledge on birth process.^[15]

A quasi experimental study was conducted by Malatha A. Hauck Y showed the results that the pregnant women who had child birth education programme associated with increasing in maternal knowledge regarding antenatal care and labor process. The same findings found in the present study.^[16]

CONCLUSION

The pre test knowledge score among majority primigravidae was inadequate and post test knowledge score found adequate. There was significant enhancement in knowledge of primigravidae after conducting video assisted teaching on labor process. There was significant association found between post test knowledge score and selected socio- demographic variables such as age, occupation, age at menarche, gestational age at 0.05 level. The findings of the study reveals that there was no significant association found

between post test knowledge score and selected socio-demographic variables such as educational status, age at marriage, religion, family monthly income, type of family, source of information on labour process at 0.05% level.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- A replication of present study can be conducted on larger samples.
- A similar study can be conducted in different hospital settings such as antenatal wards, antenatal clinics in community area.
- A comparative study can be done between Urban and Rural antenatal mothers.
- Manuals and information booklets may be developed to enhance the knowledge on labor process.

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