

Prevailing Practices of Rural Mothers Regarding Construction, Use and Care of Diapers

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ABSTRACT This study was carried out on rural mothers of Jalandhar district in Punjab state. Most of the rural mothers made use of diapers up to the age of six months. Soft cotton material was preferred by them being low in cost, easy to wash and wear as well as durable too. None of the rural mothers used plastic diapers for babies at home except during travelling. Colour, design and attractiveness of the diapers were least preferred by them. They also narrated the reason for diaper rash for being wet and tight by majority of the mothers followed by use of synthetic/blended material, use of hard soap, never boiled, disinfected and bleached under sunlight.