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Neelima Singh Agnes Mathew Ramesh Chand Chauhan	The role of behavior change communication on knowledge & uptake of postpartumcontraception among antenatal mothers in Puducherry: a randomized controlled trial	The Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology of India
Abstract	<p>Introduction: India accounts for world's 17.5 percent population and is the second most populous country in the world next only to China (19.4%). Birth control pills, condoms,sterilization, IUD (Intrauterine device) etc. are most commonly practiced familyplanning methods in India. The latest NFHS shows that 77% of sterilized women didnot use a family planning method. Despite of Family Welfare Program having a targetfree approach, the program has not been successful in educating people about theconcept and advantages of contraceptive methods for spacing births.</p> <p>Methodology: This randomized controlled trial was carried out in the Department ofObstetrics and Gynecology of Pondicherry Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS),Puducherry. All antenatal mothers >28 weeks of gestational age were enrolled and given a semi -structured questionnaire. After randomization intervention was done in the form of counselling and distribution of pamphlets for future use. The women were followed in the postnatal period and 6 weeks later.</p> <p>Results: A total of 280 subjects were enrolled in this study. Socio-demographic characteristics were similar in both the study groups. Majority of women in both the comparison and intervention group were in the age group 20-25 years (43.6%). Very few participants (20.0%) had used some form of contraception to delay pregnancy. However the postpartum follow-up of the study participants revealed significantincrease in the knowledge on the various contraceptive methods in the intervention group compared with the comparison group.</p> <p>Conclusion: The implementation of behaviour change communication strategy to communicate the benefits of uptake of postpartum contraception to antenatal mothers,is vital to improving the acceptability of family planning programs in India.</p>	