Name of Instrument: **Infant Care Scale**
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**Private Use Cost:** $
**Public Use Cost:** $

**Year Developed:** 1989

**Where to obtain Instrument:**
- Contact author

**Description of the Instrument**
- The Infant Care Scale measures parents’ perceptions of efficacy for performing infant care tasks.
- The scale contains 52 items that assess beliefs about knowledge and skills in the areas of infant health, diet, and safety.
- Respondents indicate efficacy perceptions on a 5-point Likert scale, ranging from 5 ("quite a lot" of confidence for a task) to 1 ("very little" confidence).

**Form of instrument:**
- Questionnaire/ Survey

**Method of delivery:**
- Self-Report

**Relevance to injury/ Percentage of the instrument specific to injury**
- To assess parental knowledge of infant safety.

**Time to administer or complete the instrument**

**Methods of data analyses:**
- Quantitative

**Setting/sample instrument used in:**
- Convenience sample consisted of 200 mothers and the nurses caring for them in a large urban community hospital.
Mothers ranged in age from 15 to 43 years, and included black, white and Hispanic women.
Each mother responded on the day of or the day prior to her discharge from the maternity unit.

Was it pilot tested? No

Pilot test sample:

Reliability Measures
- Alpha internal consistency = 0.97.

Validity Measures
- Construct validity is supported by regression analyses. (see Froman, 1987)
- Age (r = 0.28, p < .001) and number of children (r = 0.35, p < .001) showed positive correlations with efficacy.

References

Other References


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