

Table 2 Responses of primary care physicians ($n = 50$) in Al-Anbar to questions about practical aspect of breastfeeding

Question		%
<i>When after normal vaginal delivery should mothers start breastfeeding?</i>		
30 minutes ^a	46	92
6 hours	2	4
1 day	2	4
3 days	0	0
Don't know	0	0
<i>When after caesarean section should mothers start breastfeeding?</i>		
12 hours ^a	33	
1 day	11	22
3 days	1	2
Don't know	5	10
<i>How often should mothers breastfeed their babies?</i>		
Every 2 hours	9	18
Every 4 hours	4	8
Every 6 hours	0	0
On demand ^a	36	72
Don't know	1	2
<i>Relactation</i>		
Possible ^a	41	82
Not possible	5	10
Don't know	4	8
<i>Management of cracked nipples</i>		
Stop breastfeeding	4	8
Wash breast with soap and water only	17	34
Use antiseptic ointment and antibiotics ^a	7	14
Continue breastfeeding without treatment	21	42
Don't know	1	2
<i>When to start semisolid foods</i>		
Before 4 months	0	0
4–6 months ^a	46	92
After 6 months	4	8
Don't know	0	0

^aCorrect answer.