

In my thesis I describe problems related to breastfeeding in children with cleft disorders. In the first part, I present general knowledge general about breastfeeding and cleft disorders and specific problems that occur in particular cleft defects, and their management. I describe alternative feeding methods, considering advantages and disadvantages, and the possible effect on breastfeeding. Second part deals about the effect of breastfeeding on specific complications in children with cleft disorder, such as otitis media, growth retardation and others. The importance of lactation counselling is mentioned in the last part. The goal of my work is to bring the topic to the awareness of health professionals, to provide relevant information, and make the challenge of breastfeeding children with cleft disorders successful.