The Milk Sharing Conundrum – The Grey Area Between Scope and Need

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Human Babies Deserve Human Milk

International Guidelines

WHO, 2002

History of Milk Sharing

Formal Milk Sharing

HMBNA (Human Milk Banking Association of North America)
Non Profit Organizations 22 in US, 5 in development

Prolacta’s Statement on Milk Sharing

"Prolacta believes that this study underscores the dangers associated with milk sharing, and calls for federal regulations..."
to be set in order to ensure the safety of milk and the health of infants across the country. As the leader in human milk-based nutrition, we welcome and support the establishment of industry-wide critical safety guidelines.

● RE: Keim et al “Microbial Contamination of Human Milk Purchased Via the Internet “

Informal Sharing

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Informal/Formal? Sharing

What does sharing really look like? - UCF

Realities of Milk Sharing

● New study showed no cases of anonymous milk sharing.
● “29% shared ONLY with family members or friends.
● When received shipped milk asked donors screening questions and/or shared only with friends and family members.
● In cases where milk was either bought or sold, recipients reported asking screening questions, meeting donors in person, and/or buying milk from a milk bank.”


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Reality Is-
Continuum of Feeding Options

Realities of HMBNA Milk

What are their options?
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RISKS

AAP 2012 Breastfeeding Policy – Double Standard

WHO Stance

Imbalance of Perception

Where Do Mother’s Turn?

Where are Mothers Today?

Social Media and Milk Sharing

Where Is Share Milk Networking Available?
  *HM4HB Website 6,2015

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No Such Thing as Risk Free

Concerns Have Led to Organizational Statements

Again - Imbalance of Information

YEAH, LLL!!!

What Moms Say

4 Pillars of Milk Sharing
4 Pillars of Milk Sharing “Eats on Feets”

Defining Scope of Practice

Lose the Black Market Attitude

What to do now!

Thank you to Conference!

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