Mother’s knowledge on immunization schedule of her child: A descriptive Survey

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Abstract

Government of India had initiated the Universal Immunization Program (UIP) in 1985 with the objective of eradicating vaccine preventable diseases from India. In order to boost up the vaccination coverage the Government initiated various proactive programs to engage the public. **Objective**: The present study is aimed at determining the mothers’ knowledge on the importance of immunization programme and finds the association of the knowledge scores with selected demographic variables. **Methods and Materials**: Descriptive method with survey approach was used in this study. Mothers who brought their children for immunization were the samples. Structured knowledge questionnaire was used for collecting the data from 50 samples that were selected by purposive sampling technique. **Results**: Findings of the study showed that most of the samples were getting information about immunization from the Anganwadi workers. On assessment, it was found that 76% of the subjects had poor knowledge about the topic. As per the chi-square, value researcher concluded that there is no significant association with the participants’ existing knowledge and the selected demographic characteristics. **Conclusion**: The study concluded that majority of mothers did not possess knowledge regarding the importance of universal immunization programme. It is very essential to provide adequate education regarding the vaccine preventable diseases and the importance of Immunization Programme along with the advertisement of various health days to the public.

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