

Knowledge and attitude of paramedical staff and hospital support staff towards HIV infection

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Abstract

Background: It is important for health care providers and hospital support staff to understand the limits of the risk to themselves when they are in constant contact with an infected patient. Proper knowledge regarding HIV/AIDS will prevent further transmission of HIV/AIDS. **Methods:** 120 participants each of the paramedical staff and hospital support staff were taken for the study. Study was done with the help of specially prepared questionnaires. The scores were collected, tabulated and analyzed. Statistical analysis was done with the help of IBM SPSS statistics 20 using student's t test. **Results:** The present study showed that the paramedical and other hospital support staff was having sufficient knowledge regarding the HIV infection. The hospital support staff had less knowledge as compared to paramedical staff. But the attitude of both the paramedical and hospital support staff needs to be changed towards the HIV infected patients. **Conclusion:** There is need to increase the awareness among these people. For these purpose seminars, workshops should be organized on a continuous basis for health care workers.