Are Differences in Marital Status an Important Factor for KAP Related to HIV/AIDS in Saoner Rural Area?

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BACKGROUND

The prevention of HIV/AIDS hinges on the knowledge, attitude, and practices that individuals have about HIV/AIDS (1). Hence the appropriate KAP is even more important in the wake of the fact today AIDS vaccine is not a reality yet and anti-retroviral therapy is restricted only for an advanced stage and after a thorough patient counseling (1). In India women work on low-paying and low-status jobs compared to men (2). This fact motivates many women into marriage as a source of living. In addition, husbands are final decision makers in the households, thus making them dominant over their wives. This has made many women susceptible to domestic violence from their relatives aged 20-30 years.

OBJECTIVE

To assess the marital status differences in the level of knowledge, attitude and practices related to HIV/AIDS in patients and their relatives coming to Saoner Rural Hospital as well as primary health centers and subcenters under Saoner Rural Hospital.

METHODS

The study setting was Saoner Rural Hospital and the Primary health Centers that serve the catchment area of the rural hospital. The study population comprised of 500 Out Patients Department (OPD) patients and their relatives aged 20-30 years.

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