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Effectiveness of awareness programme on knowledge, attitude and practices for early detection and prevention of cervical cancer in educated women

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Introduction: Cervical cancer is the second most common cancer worldwide in women. In India, cervical cancer is the most common woman-related cancer. Every year about 500,000 new cases of cervical cancer are diagnosed worldwide and are responsible for about 280,000 deaths. India contributes to about 1/4th of the world's registered cervical cancer cases. Around 90% of women in India are unscreened because of poor public awareness. The pap test is the most widely used screening test for cervical cancer worldwide. In United States, pap smear screening have significantly reduced the death related to cervical cancer. This is mainly because of the awareness of the women regarding cervical cancer and its screening tests.

Objective: To evaluate the effectiveness of structured awareness programme on knowledge, attitude and practices for early detection and prevention of cervical cancer among educated women.

Method: In this study, total 3500 participant were women studying in teaching institution in which structured information related to cervical cancer was provided and ask them to fill pre and post-test questionnaire related to knowledge KAP for early detection and prevention of cervical cancer.

Results: There was significant improvement in post test KAP score among the women after administration of structured awareness programme in relation to early detection and prevention of cervical cancer.

Conclusion: It shows there is need to spread awareness among the women in relation to early detection and prevention of cervical cancer.

Biography

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