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Effect of maternal knowledge of asthma management on quality of life and asthma control among children with asthma: a cross-sectional study

Objective

This study aimed to evaluate the effect of mothers' knowledge about as thma management on quality of life and as thma control among children with as thma in Palestine.

Methods

This cross-sectional study was carried out by mothers of children with asthma in Palestine in four major public hospitals. Mothers of a total of 220 were selected randomly via a computerized system. Data were collected using Pediatric AsthmaQuality of Life (PAQLQ), an Asthma ControlTest (ACT), and the mothers' Self-Practices and Knowledge(SPK) of asthma management questionnaire. Statistical analysis was performed using SPSS (V25).

Results

A total of 220 mothers of children with asthma were randomly selected and invited to participate but 182 agreed to participate, with a response rate of 83%. The mean age of participant children was 9.7 ± 2.72 years, and the mean age of mothers was 34.5 ± 9.6 years. The mean score of the QoL was $3.91(SD \pm 1.61)$ out of 7. Most participant children had uncontrolled asthma with a total mean score of $14.13(SD \pm 5.23)$ on the ACT. The mean score of mothers' SPK level was $2.12(SD \pm 0.83)$ with a total mean score of 42.13 ± 3.68 out of 68, which indicated a moderate level of knowledge and there was a strong correlation between mothers' SPK and children's QoL.

Conclusions

The investigation showed that mothers of children with asthma had moderate SPK, and the children had uncontrolled asthmawith poor QoL. These findings suggest developing educational initiatives to enhance parents' asthma-related knowledge and skills to improve their children's asthma- related quality of life and asthma control.

Keywords: Mother's knowledge; asthma care; asthma control; asthma management; pediatric asthma; quality of life.

Biography

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