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Factors that Influence the Acceptance of Needle Biopsy of the Liver at a Tertiary Hospital in Nigeria

Facteurs qui influencent l'acceptation de l'aiguilleBiopsie du foie dans un hôpital tertiaire au Nigeria

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ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND: Liver biopsy is a procedure that is carried out for making the diagnosis of abnormal liver conditions.

OBJECTIVES: This study assessed the factors that influence patients' acceptance of liver biopsy.

METHODS: A hospital based prospective study among patients scheduled for outpatient liver biopsy. They completed an interviewer administered questionnaire that captured their expectations, the degree of pain, areas they think need improvement during the biopsy process and whether they would consent to a second liver biopsy. A qualitative aspect involved an in-depth interview of participants purposively selected for their experience of liver biopsy. Data from the quantitative group were entered into SPSS version 20 and analyzed using simple and inferential statistics while content analysis was done for the qualitative aspect.

RESULTS: There were 100 participants in the quantitative group, 61 males and 39 females, and 16 in the qualitative group. Participants in the quantitative group expected a painful procedure (92%) that was likely to restrict their movement (64%). After biopsy, 44%, 40%, 28%, 26%, 18% and 17% of participants were unhappy with the long monitoring hours, biopsy needle pain, number of biopsy passes, lying on the biopsy site, shoulder tip pain and pain of local anaesthetic injection respectively. The qualitative aspect identified five thematic areas and showed that liver biopsy pain was influenced by pre-operative anxiety occasioned by ill-advice and was exaggerated among females.

CONCLUSION: Consenting for liver biopsy may be influenced by advice from others, while factors relating to the procedure and long monitoring period remain as deterrent factors. **WAJM 2023; 40(12): 1317 - 1324**

KEYWORDS: Factors, influence, acceptance, liver biopsy, Nigerians.

RÉSUMÉ

CONTEXTE: La biopsie hépatique est une procédure qui est effectuée pour établir le diagnostic d'affections hépatiques anormales.

OBJECTIFS: Cette étude a évalué les facteurs qui influencent l'acceptation de la biopsie hépatique par les patients.

MÉTHODES : Une étude prospective en milieu hospitalier parmi les patients devant subir une biopsie hépatique en ambulatoire. Ils ont rempli un questionnaire administré par un intervieweur qui capturait leurs attentes, le degré de douleur, les domaines qu'ils pensaient devoir améliorer au cours du processus de biopsie et s'ils consentiraient à une deuxième biopsie du foie. Un aspect qualitatif impliquait un entretien approfondi avec des participants sélectionnés à dessein pour leur expérience de la biopsie hépatique. Les données du groupe quantitatif ont été saisies dans SPSS version 20 et analysées à l'aide de statistiques simples et inférentielles tandis que l'analyse de contenu a été effectuée pour l'aspect qualitatif

RÉSULTATS: Il y avait 100 participants dans le groupe quantitatif, 61 hommes et 39 femmes, et 16 dans le groupe qualitatif. Les participants du groupe quantitatif s'attendaient à une intervention douloureuse (92 %) susceptible de restreindre leurs mouvements (64 %). Après la biopsie, 44 %, 40 %, 28 %, 26 %, 18 % et 17 % des participants étaient mécontents des longues heures de surveillance, de la douleur à l'aiguille de biopsie, du nombre de passages de biopsie, de la position allongée sur le site de la biopsie, de la douleur et de la pointe de l'épaule d'injection d'anesthésique local respectivement. L'aspect qualitatif a identifié cinq domaines thématiques et a montré que la douleur de la biopsie hépatique était influencée par l'anxiété préopératoire occasionnée par un mauvais conseil et était exagérée chez les femmes.

CONCLUSION: Le consentement à une biopsie hépatique peut être influencé par les conseils d'autrui, tandis que les facteurs liés à la procédure et à la longue période de surveillance restent des facteurs dissuasifs. **WAJM 2023; 40(12): 1317 - 1324**

MOTS CLÉS: Facteurs, influence, acceptation, biopsie hépatique. Nigérians

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Abbreviations

SPSS: Statistical package for the social sciences; **HBV-DNA:** Hepatitis B virus deoxy-ribonucleic acid; **CHB:** Chronic hepatitis B; **NAFLD:** Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease