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Knowledge and Practice of Micronutrient Dietary Intake among Patients Attending an Urban Comprehensive Health Centre

Connaissance et Pratique de l'Apport Alimentaire en Micronutriments Chez les Patients Fréquentant un Centre de Santé Global Urbain

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ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND: Micronutrients are needed in small quantities but are vital in the proper functioning of the human body. Deficiencies in the intake of food rich in micronutrient lead to major health problems among children and adults especially in developing countries.

OBJECTIVES: The study assessed the knowledge and practice of micronutrient dietary intake among patients attending an urban comprehensive health centre in Oke-Ila , Ado-Ekiti, Nigeria.

METHODS: The study design was a cross-sectional survey. A total of 150 patients were recruited into the study by purposive sampling method on different clinic days. Semi-structured interviewer-administered questionnaires were used to elicit data collection on socio-demographic characteristics, knowledge and practice of micronutrient dietary intake among respondents. Data analysis was done using descriptive statistical methods such as means, standard deviation as inferential statistics. Summary statistics were presented using frequencies, tables and charts. Inferential statistics were used to test for associations between categorical variables. P-value was set at 0.05.

RESULTS: The mean age of respondents was 34.1 ± 11.1 years and 62 (42%) respondents were aged between 30-39 years. One hundred and twelve (74.7%) were females; 109 (72.6%) were married; 109 (72.6%) had tertiary education. About 58% had poor knowledge of micronutrients, while 96% had good practice of micronutrient-rich food intake.

CONCLUSION: The research concluded that most respondents had good practices compared to the knowledge of micronutrient dietary intake. More attention should be paid to increase awareness and knowledge of micronutrient dietary intake so as to bridge the knowledge gap. WAJM 2021; 38(1): 42-47.

Keywords: Micronutrients, knowledge, practice, intake, patients.

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RÉSUMÉ

CONTEXTE: Les micronutriments sont nécessaires en très petite quantité, mais jouent un rôle important dans le bon fonctionnement du corps humain. Les carences dans l'absorption d'aliments riches en micronutriments constituent des problèmes de santé majeurs chez les enfants et les adultes, en particulier dans les pays en développement.

OBJECTIFS: L'étude a évalué les connaissances et la pratique de l'apport alimentaire en micronutriments chez les patients fréquentant un centre de santé urbain complet, Oke-Ila , Ado Ekiti, Nigéria.

MÉTHODES: La conception de l'étude était une enquête transversale. Un total de 150 patients ont été recrutés dans l'étude par la méthode d'échantillonnage purposif sur différents jours de clinique. Des questionnaires administrés par des intervieweurs semi-structurés ont été utilisés pour obtenir la collecte de données sur les caractéristiques sociodémographiques, les connaissances et la pratique de l'apport alimentaire en micronutriments chez les répondants. L'analyse des données a été effectuée à l'aide du programme logiciel Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) version 20. Des statistiques sommaires ont été présentées à l'aide de fréquences, de tableaux et de graphiques. Des statistiques inférentielles ont été utilisées pour tester les associations entre les variables catégoriques. La valeur P a été fixée à 0,05.

RÉSULTATS: L'âge moyen des répondants était de $34,1 \pm 11,1$ et de 62 (42 %) des répondants étaient âgés de 30 à 39 ans, 112 (74,7 %) étaient des femmes, (109 72,6 %) mariés, 109 (72,6 %) avait un enseignement supérieur. Environ 58 % avaient une mauvaise connaissance des micronutriments, tandis que 96 % avaient une bonne pratique de l'apport alimentaire riche en micronutriment.

CONCLUSION: La recherche a conclu que la plupart des répondants avaient de bonnes pratiques comparées à la connaissance de l'apport alimentaire en micronutriment. Il faudrait accorder plus d'attention à la sensibilisation à l'apport alimentaire en micronutriment afin de combler l'écart de connaissance. WAJM 2021; 38(1): 42-47.

Mots clés: Micronutriments, connaissances, pratique, apport, patients