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Abstract

Introduction: In developing countries like India, women are mostly observed to neglect their health. Due to the absence of knowledge and ignorance, women used to suffer from many health issues. Some are preventable, some are curable if it is recognized at an early level, and some are not curable if it is already late.

Title of the study: A study to evaluate the effectiveness of health teaching programme on knowledge regarding Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome among 10 to 19yr girls in selected school of Pune city.

Research Methodology: In the study quantitative research approach was used. An exploratory pre-test post-test design was selected as the investigators study methodology. The non-probability purposive sampling technique was used. The sample consist of 60 among among 10 to 19 yr girls in selected schools of Pune city who had fulfilled the inclusion criteria of the study in order to assess the knowledge regarding PCOS. The reliability of tool was done on 6 participants the value was 0.73 and tool found reliable.

Result: The study mentioned above reveals that according to the study mentioned above, 78.33% of samples had good knowledge, 21.67% had average knowledge, and 0% had poor knowledge. The average score was 16.13 with a 3.24 SD.

Conclusion: It was concluded that, this topic needs to be included in the courses on community health nursing and medical surgical nursing. Health care practitioners should place more emphasis on health education to raise awareness regarding PCOS.

Keywords: Evaluate, effectiveness, health teaching programme, knowledge, polycystic ovarian syndrome

Introduction

In developing countries like India, women are mostly observed to neglect their health. Due to the absence of knowledge and ignorance, women used to suffer from many health issues. Some are preventable, some are curable if it is recognized at an early level, and some are not curable if it is already late. Among those health problems, one of the major health issues is PCOS, an endocrine or hormonal disorder that women can face mostly during their reproductive years. It's a combination of certain symptoms associated with a hormone imbalance that may affect women and most girls at reproductive age [1].

Polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) is a complex condition characterized by elevated androgen levels, menstrual irregularities, and/or small cysts on one or both ovaries ^[2]. The disorder can be morphological (polycystic ovaries) or predominantly biochemical (Hyperglycaemia). Hyperandrogenism, a clinical hallmark of PCOS, can cause inhibition of follicular development, micro cysts in the ovaries, an ovulation, and menstrual changes ^[3]. It is one of the most common endocrine disorders of women in reproductive age group, with prevalence of 4- 12% globally.1 in India, the incidence is 0.5%- 4% ^[4]. It affects about 5-10% of the female population who are in the age group of 12– 4 5 years and produces symptoms in approximately 5% to 10% of women of reproductive age and is thought to be one of the leading causes of infertility. ⁵the syndrome can affect 10 to 19yrs, women of childbearing age, and post-menopausal women. The main concerns in caring for the adolescence with PCOS are two fold.

The first involves cyclic control of irregular menstruation cycles. The second issue involves the avoidance of long-term sequel that are associated with obesity, insulin resistance, glucose intolerance and type 2 diabetes. The conditions can result in subsequent lipid abnormalities and hypertension that are significant risk factors in development of cardiac disorders ^[5].

Need of the Study

Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome is common health problem which increase among 10 to 19 yr girls and young women during their reproductive years. It is a problem in which a women's hormones are out of balance leading to menstrual disturbance as well as multiple abnormal cysts in enlarged ovaries, so they do not produce the normal number of eggs and normal ovulation which leads to difficulty of getting pregnant. If it is not treated over time, it can lead to serious health problems such as diabetes and heart disease.

According to a study by PCOS society, one in every 10 women in India has polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS), a common endocrinal system disorder among women of reproductive age. And out of every 10 women diagnosed with PCOS, six are teenage girls.

A population study revealed that overt and occult PCOS accounted for 90% of patients with oligomenorrhea and 37% with amenorrhoea, or 73% with oligo- or amenorrhea. Oligo- or amenorrhea accounted for 21% of couples with infertility and the annual incidence was 247 patients per million of the general population. The annual incidence of infertility due to PCOS per million was 41 with overt PCOS and 139 with occult PCOS (total 180). Of those, 140 appeared to respond well to clomiphene (78%) but 40 (22%) failed, requiring alternative therapy.

A study on teenage girls and college girls in several colleges around India was found to show a higher percentage of college girls with PCOS and there was around 36% of increase in cases of PCOS compared from a period of 2007-08, showing a severe fast increase of cases of PCOS among college girls in an alarming rate.

A study conducted by the department of endocrinology and metabolism, AIIMS, shows that about 20-25 per cent of Indian women of childbearing age are suffering from PCOS. While 60 per cent of women with PCOS are obese, 35-50 per cent have a fatty liver. About 70 per cent have insulin resistance, 60-70 per cent have high level of androgen and 40-60 per cent have glucose intolerance.

About 6 to 10% of girls gets affected by PCOS and are even not aware of their presence. In a prospective study of 400 women of reproductive age, 4% to 4.7% of white women and 3.4% of African American women had PCOS. A similar rate of 4% to 6% has been found in other populations.

Aim of the Study

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Methodology

A study to evaluate the effectiveness of health teaching programme on knowledge regarding Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome among 10 to 19 yr girls in selected school of Pune city. Data analysis was done mainly using descriptive statistics.

Result

Section I: Distribution of samples according to demographic variables

- Majority of 33.33% of subject belongs to 10-12 years, 66.67% were from 13 to 15 years, 0% were from 16 to 18 years and 0% belongs to 19 years of age group.
- Majority of 98.33% of the subject were middle class, 1.67% of subject were higher class and 0% of samples were lower class.
- Majority of 31.67% completed primary education, 31.67% completed higher secondary and graduate education and 21.67% completed primary education and 15% were of no formal education.
- Majority of 55.00% of girls had menarche from 13–15 years, 33.33% of girls had menarche from 16-18 years and 0% of girls had menarche from 19 years.
- Majority of 66.67% of girls had menstrual regularity and 33.33% of girls had menstrual irregularity.

Section II: Distribution of data as per knowledge regarding Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome among 10 to 19yr girls before intervention

Table 1: Shows that majority 0% of samples were having good knowledge, 21.67% having average knowledge and 78.33% having poor knowledge. Mean score was 6.95 along with 2.38 SD.

Level of knowledge	F	%	Mean	SD
Poor(1-7)	47	78.33		
Average(8-13)	13	21.67	6.95	2.38
Good(14-20)	0	0		

Section III: Distribution of data as per knowledge regarding Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome among 10 to 19yr girls after intervention

Table 2: Shows that majority 78.33% of samples were having good knowledge, 21.67% having average knowledge and 0.00% having poor knowledge. Mean score was 16.13 along with 3.24 sd.

PCOS	f	%	Mean	SD
Poor (1-7)	0	0.00		
Average (8-13)	13	21.67	16.13	3.24
Good (14-20)	47	78.33		

Section IV: To Evaluate The Effectiveness Of Health Teaching Programme On Knowledge Regarding Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome Among Adolescent Girls In Selected School Of Pune City

Table 3: Show significant Effectiveness of Health Teaching Programme on Knowledge Regarding Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome.

Effectiveness of Attitude	Mean	SD	T Value	P Value	Remark
Pre-test	6.95	2.38	2.000	4.303	Significant
Post-test	16.13	3.24			

Section V: Association of findings with selected demographic variables

It show no any significant association with age, socioeconomic status and education of parents, Age of Menarche and Regularity.

Discussion

■ Findings show that in pre-test most of the girls (78.33%) had poor level of knowledge, (21.67%) had

average level of knowledge and some had good level of knowledge regarding Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome. However, in post-test most of the girls (78.33%) had good level of knowledge, (21.67%) had average level of knowledge and none had poor level of knowledge regarding Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome. Knowledge score of girls in post-test was 16.13 with a mean difference of 3.24. The computed "t" value of 36.98 was found to be statistically significant at 0.05 level of significance. So hypothesis H_{11} was accepted.

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Conclusion

The purpose of the present study was to to assess the effectiveness of health teaching program on knowledge regarding Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome among 10 to 19yr girls in selected school of Pune city. One group pre-test post-test experimental design was used for our study which consisted of 60 samples that were selected on the basis of non-purposive sampling technique. The validity and reliability of the tool was done, which suggested that tool is was reliable. Also pilot study was conducted among 6 sample size and the feasibility was established. Based on the objectives and the hypothesis the data collected was analyzed. Also data analysis was done by calculating mean, standard deviation, frequency, percentage, t test value, p value.

Recommendation

- The same study can be done over large population to generalize the finding.
- A study can be done to assess on Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome women.
- A similar study can be done on staff nurses to improve the knowledge and awareness about the Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome.
- A similar study can be done on student nurses to improve the knowledge about the Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome.

Conflict of Interest

The authors certify that they have no involvement in any organization or entity with any financial or non-financial interest in the subject matter or materials discussed in this paper.

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