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ABSTRACT

This study determined the home care management activities for pulmonary tuberculosis clients in selected district hospitals of Ilocos Sur.

The descriptive research design was utilized in this study. A questionnaire was used as the main tool to gather data. Frequency count, percentage and weighted mean were utilized to treat the data.

Results revealed that the compliance with home care management activities for pulmonary tuberculosis clients is moderate and there are more of these which are least complied with. Furthermore, the most dominant factors that affect the extent of compliance to home care management activities for pulmonary tuberculosis clients are unstable living conditions, duration of the treatment, complexity of medication regimen, presence of other serious conditions, and lack of knowledge about the disease.

It was concluded that there are lapses or irregularities in the clients' compliance with home care management activities and that they are generally lax. Their compliance is constrained by socio-economic factors. The proposed measures enhance the clients' compliance with home care management activities for pulmonary tuberculosis.

The researcher recommended that the proposed measures should be presented and discussed to the clients, their family and health care workers assigned at the TBDOTS for consideration and adaptation. A follow-up study should likewise be conducted to validate ventures on areas not covered by the study.