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ABSTRACT

This study aimed to determine the capabilities of the health care workers in dealing with hepatitis B in primary and secondary health institutions in La Union as a basis of formulating measures to enhance the respondents' capabilities along with knowledge, management and prevention of hepatitis B. The descriptive research method was utilized in the study with the questionnaire as the primary tool used to gather data. The researcher documented 324 health care workers in primary and secondary Health Institutions in La Union. Weighted mean was made to determine the degree of capabilities of the health care workers in dealing with hepatitis B. Items within an average weighted mean of 1.00-3.39 were considered the weakness while items with an average weighted mean of 3.40-5.00 were the strengths.

The salient findings of the study are as follows: (1) The respondents are highly knowledgeable along risk factors, mode of transmission, manifestations. (2) the health care workers have implement the management measures a very high degree. (3) The health care workers are very highly compliant with the preventive measures of Hepatitis B.

The study concluded that the health care workers are very capable in terms of knowledge, management and prevention in dealing with Hepatitis B. Based on the findings of the study, a proposed measure to enhance the capabilities of health care workers in dealing with hepatitis B in primary and secondary health institutions in La Union was developed.