

DELIVERY OF TRAINING IN HIV/AIDS SERVICES AMONG COMMUNITY PHARMACISTS IN OYO STATE, NIGERIA: AN INTERVENTIONAL STUDY

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ABSTRACT

A recent baseline study showed that community pharmacists' involvement in HIV/AIDS services in Oyo State, Nigeria was low while respondents showed willingness to participate in training to improve services. This study assessed the training programme delivered to same respondents with the aim of improving HIV/AIDS services at the pharmacies. A one-day training was developed and delivered to 70 selected community pharmacists in Oyo State, Nigeria. Semi-structured questionnaire on a 5-point Likert scale was administered to the respondents to assess their opinion on the training, evaluate the resource persons and perceive sufficiency of the training to provide services. Data were analysed using IBM SPSS version 21.0 with descriptive statistics while open-ended responses were thematically analysed. Response rate was 71.4%. The mean score of participants' opinion on the training program based on 10 indicators identified was 45.98 ± 5.177 (range of 10–50; midpoint 30). Lowest (21.21 ± 3.168) and highest (23.46 ± 2.510) scores were obtained (range 5–25; midpoint 15) based on the lecture presentation using 5-item measures for the resource persons. All the respondents agreed that the training will be sufficient to carry out the HIV/AIDS services in their premises. Community pharmacists were satisfied with the training delivered, the resource persons were competent to deliver the training and that the training will be sufficient to deliver HIV/AIDS services in their pharmacies. Further study will evaluate the effect of the training on the HIV/AIDS services delivered by community pharmacists using the same participants.

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