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COMPLIANCE IN FOLLOWING STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE IN BLOOD SAMPLE COLLECTION AMONG HEALTH CARE WORKERS IN PAEDIATRIC UNIT

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ABSTRACT

Background of the study: Blood sample collection is an invasive procedure and is carried out for diagnostic purposes; standardized technique in withdrawing blood sample should be followed to reduce pain and psychological trauma. Therefore it is essential to follow the Standard Operative Procedure for collection of blood specimen to get accurate laboratory results. **Methods:** The design adopted for this study was descriptive design. The study was conducted in pediatric unit. Data collection period was for one month. Samples were Health care workers in Pediatric Unit of selected hospital. Purposive sampling technique was used to select the participants for the study. Sample size was 45. The tool used for data collection was observational checklist. **Results:** The findings show that compliance of Doctors in following standard operating procedure in blood sample collection was 79%. The compliance of staff Nurses in following standard operating procedure in blood sample collection was 89.8%. The compliance of staff Nurses who assisted phlebotomy was 75% and student Nurses who assisted was 88.9%. The compliance of Attendants in following standard operating procedure in transportation of samples was 96.6%. No significant association was found between the compliance and demographic variables of Health care workers. **Conclusion:** The study findings revealed the health care workers do not have 100% compliance in following standard operating procedure in blood sample collection. Health care workers need to be reinforced about their accountability in minimizing errors related to blood sample collection and transportation.

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INTRODUCTION

Human body consists of 7% of blood which supplies oxygen and nutrients to the cells and tissues, regulates body PH and temperature, thereby provides immunological support to transport waste products. A person's total blood volume is estimated from the age and weight. The total blood volume of a child is around 75-80 ml/kg and increased in the neonatal period (from 85ml/kg it rises to a peak of 105 ml/kg by the end of the first month and then progressively drops over ensuing months). As estimated by guidelines for Pediatric blood sample collection, Preterm baby's amount of blood is about 90 ml per Kg body weight and 80ml/kg body weight for term newborns. For Infants, the estimated amount is 75ml per kg. 70 ml per kg for toddlers and 65 ml per kg for older children.

Statement of the problem: A study to assess the compliance in following standard operating procedure in blood sample collection among health care workers in pediatric unit of selected hospital, Puducherry.

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Objectives

- To determine the level of compliance in following Standard Operating Procedure in Blood Sample Collection among Health Care Workers in Pediatric Unit
- To identify the barriers in compliance to the standard operating procedure in blood sample collection.
- To associate the level of compliance on blood sample collection with demographic variables of Health care workers.

Hypothesis: There is a significant association between the level of compliance and selected demographic variables of health care workers in paediatric unit.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Research approach- quantitative, Research design- Non experimental descriptive study, Setting-Pediatric unit, Population-Health care workers, Sample-Health care workers in pediatric unit, sample technique- purposive sampling, sample size-n=45, Tool- observational checklist to assess the

compliance of standard operating procedure in blood sample collection.

RESULTS

Findings revealed the barriers in compliance of health care workers to follow standard operating procedure in blood sample collection. Among 100 procedures, 3.9% times mackintosh was not used as it was not felt necessary and they can take samples without spilling, 5.9% times gloves were not worn as it was difficult in palpating the vein. 5.9% times of observation, only hand rub was used instead of washing hands. 2% of the times site were punctured without allowing time to dry as child was crying continuously and were not cooperative, 4% of the times the health care workers did not give importance to transport the sample tubes in upright position to the laboratory. The fisher exact test revealed that at $p < 0.05$ there is no significant association between the compliance of health care workers to their selected demographic variables.

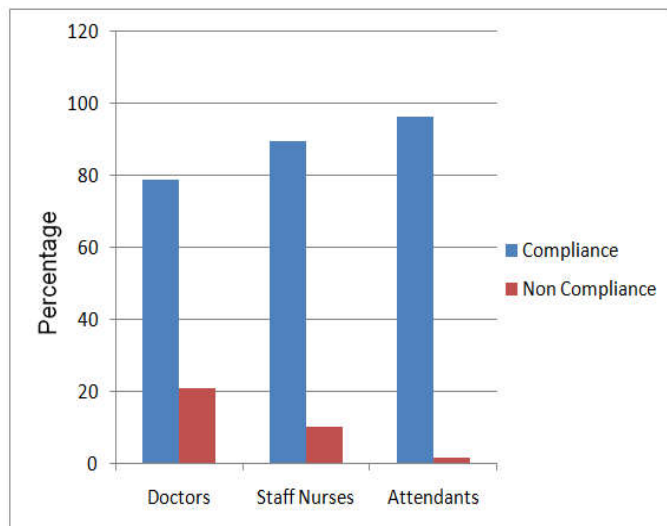


Figure 1. Level of Compliance on SOP in Blood sample Collection by Doctors, Staff Nurses and Attendants

Conclusion

The study findings revealed the health care workers do not have 100% compliance in following standard operating procedure in blood sample collection. The barriers identified in the study could be used to ensure 100% compliance. Health care workers need to be reinforced regularly about their accountability in minimizing errors related to blood sample collection and transportation.

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