

Effect of Covid19 Outbreak with Community Medicine and Health Education: An Open Access

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I am pleased to mention that during the year 2019, all issues of volume 10 were published online well within the time and the print issues were also brought out and dispatched within 30 days of publishing the issue online. JCMHE during this year also brought out a supplement to March 2020 issue, which consisted of 4 abstracts of "Conference Announcement of Human Health, Community, Medicine".

During the calendar year 2019, JDCP received a total of 21 papers, out of which 4 articles were rejected in the preliminary screening due to plagiarism or being out of the format. During 2019 articles were subjected to the peer-review process and 18 of those were accepted. Average publication lag time of an article was to 6-8 weeks. I take this opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of "Nabil K El Naggar" Journal Editorial Board Member during the final editing of articles published and the support rendered by the editorial assistant, *Fatemeh Rabiee Khain* bringing out issues of Journal of Community Medicine and Health Education in time.

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2020 Objectives& Topic

The Theme of the year 2020 for JCO: "Parental Perceptions of Community Medicine".

Theoretical Perspectives

Community Medicine is enhanced not only through evidence based practice but with a strong connection between theory and research. Based on this philosophy, the theories related to perception will be explored. The Health Belief Model (HBM) and the Social Cognitive Theory (SCT) are the most common theories that have been used as theoretical approaches to study the phenomenon of parental perceptions of childhood weight status

Description of Relationships

Selective perception occurs when a person limits the processing of external stimuli by selectively interpreting what he or she sees based on beliefs, experience, or attitudes. Parental attitudes on body weight significantly influence how a parent perceives a child's weight. As with parental perception, parental attitude, as a term, was not well explained on the studies

Results and Discussion

Health disparities are prevalent in the United States (US), Porter L, et al. in their study explored perceptions and attitudes related to eating and weight among low-income African American mothers of preschoolers [26]. Through utilizing Social Cognitive Theory (SCT), eight focus groups, four mothers in each group, were recruited from two Head Start programs in a southeastern state of the United States. The results showed that six themes emerged that were related to maternal perspectives about healthy food, eating habits, and weight. Also, it revealed that more than 25% of mothers underestimated their child weight status. The present study recommends that improving nutrition education can have positive influence on maternal perceptions and beliefs about healthy eating and thus help to reduce health risks linked with low diet quality among low income African American preschoolers.

Conclusion

Evidence has shown that the success of childhood obesity prevention and management programs is dependent on family's engagement and participation. Therefore, identifying the most effective ways to engage parents in childhood obesity management and prevention has become an important area of research. Such research will enable nurses to assist parents improve the health outcomes for their children through the development of effective strategies to manage and prevent childhood obesity.

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