

# **Knowledge Of Sexually Transmitted Diseases Among Married Women**

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**Abstract:** Women are not only susceptible to infection, but are also socially and economically in a disadvantageous position. Factors like poverty, early marriage, migration, illiteracy, lack of health and nutritional care, gender, discrimination and domestic violence put them at a high risk of acquiring the reproductive health problems. **OBJECTIVES:** 1. To assess the knowledge of married women regarding sexually transmitted Diseases. 2. To determine the association between knowledge score with their demographic Variables. 3. To prepare a health education module on knowledge of sexually transmitted Diseases. **METHODOLOGY:** Quantitative approach was adopted. Descriptive method was utilized. The setting of the study was Government Head Quarters Hospital, Namakkal. Total sample was 80 Married Women who fulfilled sampling criteria. The Sample technique adopted was Convenient Sample technique. Semi structured interview was used to assess the knowledge on knowledge regarding STD. **RESULTS:** It indicates that 72 (90%) were belongs to inadequate knowledge level, 8 (10%) had moderate level of knowledge and none of them had adequate level of knowledge. **CONCLUSION :** Over all knowledge of married women regarding sexually transmitted diseases was inadequate. Since present study revealed that, socio demographic variables like education and monthly family income had influence on knowledge scores of mother. Other variables such as Age, Religion, Occupation, type of family place of residence, number of children, History of abortion and suffered from any of the sexually transmitted diseases has no influence on the knowledge scores of married women. So, the health care personnel must take the responsibility to improve the knowledge of married women regarding risk factors, mode of transmission and its preventive measures

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