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Knowledge, skills and attitudes among KMTC nurse lecturer's on palliative care

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Aim: To study aims to assess the knowledge, skills and attitude among nurse lecturer's on palliative care, to determine the lecturer's knowledge on palliative care. Identify the lecturer's attitude on palliative care, establish the type of palliative care training the lecturers have received and to assess the factors influencing eye care utilization in Murang'a level five hospital eye unit.

Method: This is a cross-sectional quantitative study at Kenya Medical Training College (Nairobi, Muranga & Thika) with lecturer's knowledge, attitude and skills on palliative care. 54% felt PC is important in caring for terminally ill, while out of 58 only 17 (29%) had training related to PC. Out of 17 lecturers 12 (70%) had undertaken a five (5) day course on pain management. One (1) 6% had a degree in PC while 4(24%) had a higher diploma in PC. There is a knowledge gap among the nurse lecturers on PC concepts while their attitude towards PC is favorable. On the types of training received the study concludes that there is a big gap in the training of lecturers on PC as the majority has only undertaken a five day course on pain management.

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