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Attitude, knowledge, and information sources towards organ donation among Kuwaitis: A socio-cultural perspective

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The aim of the study is to examine the knowledge, attitudes, and source of information about organ donation (OD) among Kuwaitis from medical anthropology perspective. A total of 1227 Kuwaiti respondents aged 18 to 82 years were selected by using nonrandom opportunistic sampling. The questionnaire as the study major tool comprised of 51 items, grouped in six main domains: Socio-demographic data; knowledge of OD; attitudes toward OD; sources of information concerning OD; factors that prevent participants to donate their organs, and; factors that positively influence ones to donate. SPSS (Version 21.0) was used for data analysis. The data shows a statistical significant relationship between participant's attitude of organ donation and age, educational level, religious sect ($P<0.05$), and sex ($P<0.001$); participant's knowledge of Kuwaiti society of OD, transplantation, age, educational level ($P<0.001$), and marital status ($P<0.05$); participant's awareness of legal issues of OD, sex, social sector ($P<0.05$), and age ($P<0.001$) and; participant's knowledge of religious perspective of OD, educational level ($P<0.05$), marital status, and age ($P<0.001$). Media was the main means of information regarding organ donation (65.7%), the first reason that prevents participants from donating was "did not think about it" reported by 43.1% and "if it is approved by religious rules and principles" was the main factors that encourage participants to accept donating their organ reported by 54.3%..

Biography

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