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ABSTRACT

The school is a place of learning that has the capacity to mold an individual positively but the negative influence of the school is imminent in the presence of issues such as drug abuse. Drug abuse among students have led to crime or problems with staying in school. Substance abuse has been found to be a leading cause of morbidity during adolescence as well as later in life. This study considered perception and practice of substance abuse among students in Ogun state college of health technology IleseOgun state.

The study employed a descriptive survey research design method, and a three stage sampling procedure was used to select 292 students as study respondents. Four research questions were raised and the hypotheses were tested.

Results revealed that 73.5% of students in this study have good knowledge of substance abuse. For the practice of students about substance abuse:87.3% indicated they have never smoked in their life time while 66.8% indicated they have never had any alcoholic beverage in their life time. Overall, there is a 24.4% practice level among the respondents. On the perception of substance abuse among students, there is a low 20.8% perception towards substance abusers/users by students,

It was concluded that majority of the respondents have a high level of knowledge and a low practice level of substance use/abuse. It was recommended that a school based anti-drug programme should be organised in all schools (both public and private owned).There should be a post secondary school curriculum review to include teaching on drugs use and its consequences. There should be public awareness on drug use and its consequences using mass media to reach the general population as a whole in order to positively modify perception of students and the entire populace.

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