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Research Details:

Research Title : Information disclosure and decision-making: the Middle East

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Description : ABSTRACT Objectives: to assess physicians' and patients' views in Saudi Arabia (KSA) towards involving the patient versus the family

in the process of diagnosis disclosure and decision-making, and to compare them with views from the USA and Japan. Design: A self-

completion questionnaire (used previously to study these issues in

Japan and the USA) was translated to Arabic and validated. Participants: Physicians (n=321) from different specialties and ranks and patients (n=264) in a hospital or attending outpatient

clinics from 6 different regions in KSA. Results: In the case of a patient with incurable cancer, 67% of doctors and 51% of patients

indicated that they would inform the patient in preference to the family of the diagnosis (p=0.001). Assuming the family already knew, 56% of doctors and 49% of patients would tell the patient

even if family objected (p NS). However, in the case of HIV infection, 59% of physicians and 81% of patients would inform the

family about HIV status without the patient's consent (p=0.001). With regards to withholding ventilatory support, about 50% of doctors and over 60% of patients supported the use of mechanical

ventilation in a patient with advanced cancer, regardless of the wishes of the patient or the family. Finally, the majority of doctors

and patients (.85%) were against assisted suicide

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