ABSTRACT

The aim of this study was to assess mother's knowledge & practice regarding care of their children suffering from rheumatic fever. This study was descriptive design. It was conducted at Outpatient Pediatric Clinics of National Heart Institute. The tool of data collection included an interviewing questionnaire to assess mother's knowledge and practice regarding care of their children suffering from Rheumatic Fever. The subject composed of one hundred (100) mothers and their children (both gender) with Rheumatic Fever. The result of this study revealed that the mean age of the children was 9.92 ± 2.64 , while mean age of mothers was 35.47 ± 5.29 and all the studied mothers didn't attend any training programs. Regarding to mother's knowledge the present study also revealed that half 50% of the mothers had poor knowledge about rheumatic fever. The study concluded that the majority of mothers had illiterate and need to improve their knowledge and practice about Rheumatic Fever. The study recommended educational program for mothers to enhance knowledge and practice about Rheumatic Fever.

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