

Evaluation of High School Females' Cancer-Preventive Behaviors Related to Perceived Severity

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ABSTRACT

Objectives: To evaluate the high school females' cancer-preventive behavior-based Health Beliefs Model relative to its components of perceived susceptibility, perceived severity, perceived barriers, perceived benefits, self-efficacy, and cues-to-action in Dhi-Qar Governorate.

Methodology: A descriptive correlational design was used to guide this study. The study included a probability simple random sample of 300 students.

Results: Finding show participants characteristics, the mean age is 17.16 (± 1.64), the age 16 years old were recorded the highest percentage (23.7%). In regards with the grade, most of participants were sixth grade (36%). Concerning family monthly income, female students expressed <300 thousand Dinars (35%). In the end with the type of family, from the findings that the most of families from nuclear type (49%).

Conclusions: Cancer-preventive behaviours-based Health Believes Model is not satisfactory among high school female students due to public awareness of breast cancer is still very poor.

Keywords: Evaluation, Cancer-preventive behaviors, Perceived susceptibility

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