

Attitude of medical functionaries towards the need of nutritional knowledge of nurses in selected hospitals of Assam, India

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■ **ABSTRACT** : Nutritional knowledge and attitudes of medical functionaries from government and private hospitals in selected district of Assam, India was studied. About 90 per cent of practicing nurses had favorable attitudes toward nutrition. Age of the nurses exhibited positive influence towards the nutritional knowledge, while general educational qualification and mass media exposure had no significant correlation with the attitudes. Relationship between the nutritional knowledge of respondents with their opinion towards the need of their nutritional knowledge revealed that there was highly and positive significant correlation between nutritional knowledge of the respondents with their opinion towards the need of nutritional knowledge of nurses. Knowledgeable nurses had more positive attitudes toward their own role in nutrition education and toward the team approach to health care.

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