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Knowledge and attitudes towards tuberculosis among secondary school students in rural areas in Hormozgan, Southern Iran

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Introduction: Tuberculosis (TB) is one of the most important causes of mortality and morbidity indeveloping countries and is responsible for about 25% of all preventable deaths. Therefore we aimed toassess the knowledge and attitude towards TB among guidance school in rural areas of Bandarabbas in2010.**Methods and Materials:** In this cross sectional study our samples were selected using cluster sampling.All of the 81 participants completed a standard TB attitude and knowledge questionnaire. Thequestionnaire included 16 questions concerning knowledge and 9 questions regarding attitude towardsTB. Data was entered the SPSS 13 software and analyzed using the descriptive statistics.**Results:** Eighty one students were enrolled in this study. Among them, 41 (50.6%) were male and 40(49.4%) were female. The mean age of the participants was 12.67 ± 1.5 years. Almost all of theparticipants knew the signs and symptoms, ways of transmission and prevention methods of TB. Most ofthe students, 48 (59.3%), had received TB related information by television.**Conclusions:** Our results demonstrated that knowledge toward TB is high among these students. Themost important source of information of the students was television, therefore we suggest to improvethethe quality and number of television s educational programs in order to increase the students'knowledge, .introduce the TB support centers, and changing the attitude and behavior of health staff

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