KNOWLEDGE AND ATTITUDE OF PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES ABOUT TUBERCULOSIS IN MINIA GOVERNORATE.

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Abstract:

Background: Tuberculosis (TB) is a major cause of illness and death worldwide, particularly in low and middle income countries. TB is an airborne bacterial infection caused by mycobacterium tuberculosis organism, it is a primarily affects on the lungs, although other organs and tissues may be involved. Almost one third of the world population, are infected with TB. In 2010 over 9.2 million people have active TB disease, worldwide. Aim: The study was carried out with the aim to assess knowledge and attitude of TB patients and their family's disease. Setting: This study was carried out in 3 districts with their villages were chosen randomly (Mania city- Beni-mazar & Mallawy) from Minia governorate. A cross sectional research design was used in this study. The period of data collection took 5 months from (February to June 2012). Sample: The total number of study samples was 125 out of 220 TB patients. Besides 173 family caregivers personnel's from the three districts. Tools: The investigators need two tools for data collection; tool (1): To assess knowledge of TB patient and their family caregiver members about TB, it included 3 parts and tool (2): A rating scale used to assess attitude of patient and their family caregiver members about TB disease. The results revealed that; nearly a half of TB patients were in the age group 20-

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