

Improving Health Service Provision for Family planning in Private Health Setting,

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INTRODUCTION

The health system of any country reflects the health and quality of life of her population and this is influenced by the approach of principal actors involved in promoting and strengthening the health system.

Nigeria's health care system over the years has experienced little or no improvement with the private health sector providing over 65% of healthcare services¹ in Lagos. Hence this sector is important to consider in relation to providing "quality service" (including maternal health services - family planning) to the public.

This paper assesses the preparedness of private health facilities and service providers to offer quality services and care in Lagos state.

METHODOLOGY

Facility audit and Service provider interviews were conducted in 40 High volume sites (HVS) private health facility (PHF) in 14 Local Government Areas of the state.

A quasi experimental design which include a total of 40 PHF and 175 health service providers was adopted with the use of a structured questionnaire. Information was collected on clinic performance, quality of services, categories of providers, availability of specific contraceptive methods, and competency of providers to offer services. Data was analysed at univariate level

RESULTS

- Amongst the providers, bias exist for providing modern family planning methods to clients based on minimum age, marital status, as well as partners consent.
- 54% of providers who have received initial in-service training in Family Planning.
- Less than a quarter (22%) have received refreshers FP training, Across facilities, only few reported having information, education and communication (IEC) materials like Brochures/pamphlets

Fig. 1: Availability of IEC materials for Family planning

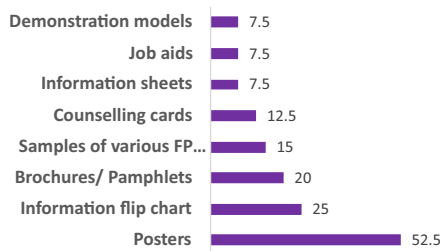


Fig. 2: Bias to offer methods

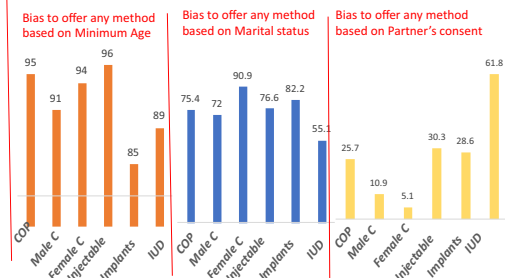
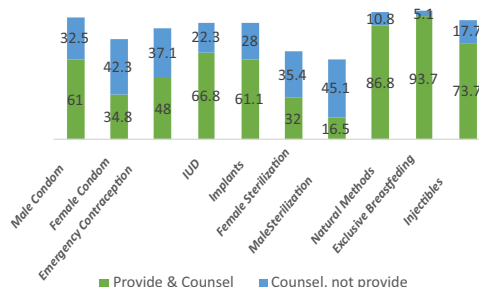


Fig. 3: Knowledge and Provision of FP methods



CONCLUSION

Quality service and care for family planning provision in private health facilities is still low and amongst providers. Hence an urgent intervention is needed to improve quality of service/ care for FP in private health setting.

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