

AWARENESS ABOUT RARE DISEASES AMONG MEDICAL STUDENTS IN BULGARIA - PRELIMINARY RESULTS

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Introduction:

Delay in diagnosis is one of the most important problems in rare diseases.
Knowledge about rare diseases can be increased during undergraduate education.

Aim:

Assess the awareness of medical students about rare diseases.
Suggest approaches and preferences about their knowledge and attitude.

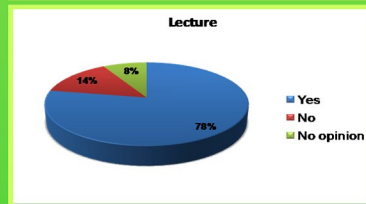
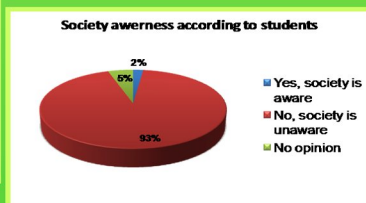
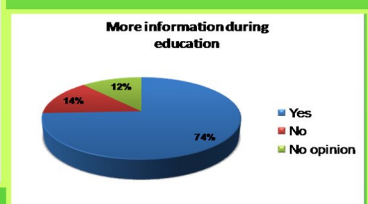
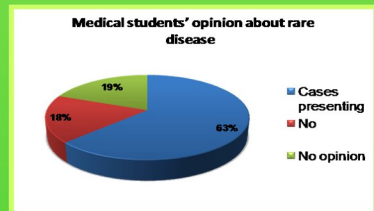
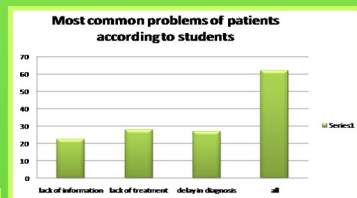
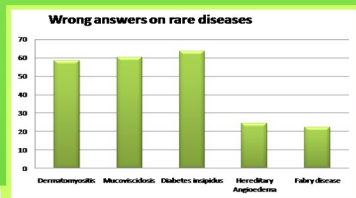
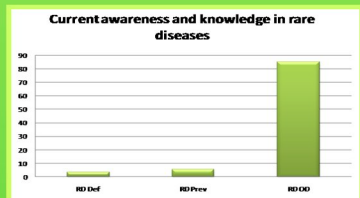
Methodology

Anonymous direct group survey.
Including 12 questions, divided into three sections:

1. social-demographic characteristics:
-sex, age, course of study.
2. current knowledge about rare diseases.
3. personal opinion about rare diseases.
4. suggestions for improvement.

Results

- Pilot results:
201 students from 3 different universities in Bulgaria: Plovdiv (69%), Sofia (15%), Varna (16%).
- students from all courses of education participated in the survey.



Conclusion

Level of awareness about definition and prevalence of rare diseases is very low.

Students show interest in increasing their knowledge about rare diseases.

Actively taking part in research studies.

