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| Thesis Title | Assessment of Knowledge about Osteoporosis among a Sample of adult Women in Baghdad, Iraq, 2016 |
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| Abstract | Background: Osteoporosis is a global growing health problem and contributor of mortality and morbidity. It causes a significant personal and societal impact <br> and increases the burden of healthcare services. The objective of this study is to assess the level of knowledge about osteoporosis among a sample of adult women in Baghdad, Iraq, 2016. <br> Methods: A cross-sectional study conducted on a sample of adult women in <br> Baghdad (age $\geq \mathbf{2 5}$ years old) who attended consulting clinics in Baghdad <br> Teaching Hospital. The estimated sample size was calculated to be 384 . We used a questionnaire to gather socio-demographic data and life habits that may affect osteoporosis risk, and the Osteoporosis Knowledge Assessment Tool <br> (OKAT) to measure osteoporosis knowledge of women. The maximum score of the total knowledge was out of 100 points. The score had been categorized as <br> follow weak ( $<50 \%$ ), moderate ( $50 \%-75 \%$ ), good ( $>75 \%$ ). <br> Results: The mean level of knowledge scores is $53.53 \pm 13.04$, and the range is 5 - <br> $\mathbf{8 5 \%}$. Around $\mathbf{7 0 \%}$ had correctly answered half of the questions. On Binary |


|  | analysis, we found the level of education and source of information <br> were the only <br> significant risk factors (p value=0.001). On application of Logistic <br> regression <br> analysis; educational status was the only significant (OR=1.41, 95\% <br> CI: 1.2-1.7). <br> Conclusion: Iraqi women had moderate level of knowledge about <br> osteoporosis. <br> More work is needed to ensure more women having the right <br> knowledge, <br> attitudes and practices. <br> Keywords: Osteoporosis, Iraq, OKAT, Adult women |
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