

USE OF EXTENDED ACTIVITIES IN UPDATING KNOWLEDGE AMONG DOCTORS OF MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS IN CHENNAI: A STUDY

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ABSTRACT

Extension work is defined as those activities which are undertaken by the professionals of the domain and academic institutions of the domain with the objective of reaching the group of people who might otherwise be unaware of the current developments and as well as equipping knowledge of the domain. Predominant extension activities for sharing information among the scientists and researchers in a domain are through extended activities such as Seminars, Symposiums, Lectures, Workshops, Training Programs and CME (Continuing Medical Education). In this study, an attempt has been made to identify Purpose, Usefulness, Frequency of attending the program and the Opinion on such programs. A structured questionnaire was distributed among 605 faculty members of five private medical colleges in Chennai, taking into account 40% of the total respondents in each institution. The data were collected during August to December 2019. Out of 605 questionnaires distributed 497 were received. The response rate works out 82.15%. The study shows that the programs organized by the academic institutions were of more use than the programs organized by the medical professional associations. The purpose of attending the programs were predominantly for keeping abreast of current developments followed by motivation and awareness. Majority of the respondents indicated that the programs were somewhat useful to very useful.

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