

ABSTRACT

In this study, the preparedness of General Practitioners to control of Pandemics H1N1 (2009) was explored to engage in response measures. A cross-sectional study was done in October, 2009 in South Okkalapa and North Dagon Townships among (108) private practitioners by administering anonymous questionnaires containing items to assess perception towards the disease itself, perception toward preparedness and actions of preparedness. Majority had high perception towards pandemic influenza with high perceived susceptibility and perception towards preparedness. However the preparedness was low among General Practitioners (GPs) under study. The moderate degree of positive association was found between the perception towards the pandemic and the perception towards preparedness for the control of disease ($r^2=0.326$). The study was expected to explore the different perceptions and preparedness in current private health services concerning with Pandemic Influenza H1N1 (2009) at the time of study to find supports in planning for preparedness and response to pandemic influenza especially during second wave to tackle the socio economic and public health impacts and for the similar public health emergency of national and international concern.

Key words: perception – pandemic – preparedness– general practitioners