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CONDOM USE AMONG PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS RECEIVING CARE IN UITH, ILORIN

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Objectives:

This study was carried out to assess the level of condom use ,and reasons for non use of condoms among People living with HIV and AIDS (PLWHA) that were receiving Care/treatment in UITH, Ilorin.

Methods:

The study was a descriptive cross sectional survey conducted among three hundred (300) PLWHAs receiving care at the antiretroviral therapy clinics within University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital. An Interviewer-administered questionnaire was used for data collection, and data analysis was done using EPI-INFO 2008 software.

Results:

The mean age of the respondents was 39years (SD=9.32), and their age ranged between 19 and 65 years. About two thirds (64.7%) of the respondents were female, 62.7% were married, and 62.9% were from monogamous family settings. Out of the 177 respondents that were having sex after they had been diagnosed to be HIV-positive, majority, 117(66.0%) used condom, while the remaining 60(34.0%) did not. The various reasons for not using Condoms by these sixty respondents included; 19(31.7%) their spouses are also HIV-positive, 8(13.3%) had not disclosed

their HIV status to their spouses, 7(11.7%) husbands ♦ disagreement, 6(10.0%) were looking for baby/pregnancy, 4(6.7%) ignorance of importance of using condom , 3(5.0%) condoms were not always available, 2(3.3%) did not feel like using condom, 1(1.7%) always forgot to use condom, 1(1.7%) felt it was not necessary to use condom, and 1(1.7%) lacked sexual satisfaction when using condom. I have never used it before was the reason given by one (1.7%) of these respondents, while the remaining seven (11.7%) had no reason for not using condom when having sex.

Conclusion:

Condom use among the PLWHAs is not encouraging. There is an urgent need to develop policies that will make condom use among PLWHA excellent, so that further spread of HIV infection and outbreak of drug-resistant strain of HIV virus can be prevented.