THE DILEMMA OF INFERTILITY AMONG ADULTS IN OSUN STATE OF NIGERIA: AN ASSESSMENT OF FERTILITY SEEKING BEHAVIOURS OF THE AFFECTED ADULTS

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ABSTRACT

Fertility – seeking behaviour is one of the consequences of infertility. To avoid the severe and several consequences of infertility, infertile patients go through different modes of fertility – seeking behaviour. The fertility-seeking behaviour of the respondents were explored in this study to know their fertility seeking pattern, their choice of treatment outlet, reasons for choice and non-choice of treatment outlets and report of treatment outcome. The respondents’ source of information about the different treatment outlets utilized was also studied. A cross-sectional survey was carried out from August 2006 to October 2006 in six Enumeration Areas in Osun State, Nigeria. Types and duration of infertility were significantly related to the choice of treatment outlets for infertility. There is a dire need to counsel infertile patients on the causes and management of infertility, as these determine their fertility-seeking behaviour.

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