Parents' awareness of type 1 diabetes: knowledge status

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ABSTRACT

Purpose: Type 1 diabetes is a common disease in children and teenagers, but it can occur at any age. This study aimed to determine the awareness and knowledge of type 1 diabetes in parents' to diagnose early.

Materials and methods: This study is a descriptive type. Data were collected from 1 April to 1 July 2020 date in Turkey. The study sample consisted of 214 parents who accepted to participate in the study and completed the questionnaire were included in the sample.

Results: It was found that the knowledge level of the parents participating in the study about type 1 diabetes was close to medium level (6.10±1.89). The study's findings revealed that there are misperceptions about the incidence of type 1 diabetes in parents. Parents are often confused about the reasons for type 1 and type 2 diabetes.

Conclusions: In this study, although the knowledge level of the parents about type 1 diabetes is close to medium level, it is below the intermediate level. It is important and necessary for families to know about type 1 diabetes and its symptoms, observe their child or children and diagnose the disease early.

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