

Health-related quality of life of adult with Type 2 diabetes mellitus in rural area

ABSTRACT

Introduction: Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus is one of chronic illnesses that affect patients' quality of life. The aim of this study was to determine the HRQOL among Type 2 diabetes mellitus patients attending health clinics at Tampin district, Negeri Sembilan. **Methodology:** A cross-sectional study applying the Malay version SF-36 and structured validated questionnaires among Type 2 diabetes mellitus patients attending five health clinics at district of Tampin, Negeri Sembilan whose were selected using stratified sampling method. Data were analysed using SPSS version 21 of significant level $\alpha=0.05$. **Results:** Response rate was 99.5% (430 patients participated). The mean age of the respondents was 57.5 (± 8.88) years and the mean duration of having diabetes was 7 (± 5.01) years. The mean score of all SF-36 health domains with exception of role emotional of respondents were significantly lower than that of the normal population scoring by Azman.(2003). Physical functioning ($P<0.001$), role physical ($P<0.001$), vitality ($P<0.001$), mental health ($P<0.001$), social functioning ($P<0.001$), bodily pain ($P<0.001$), and general health ($P<0.001$) were seven domains indicated lower than Malaysian norm. **Conclusion:** HRQOL of Type 2 Diabetes patients were lower than that of Malaysian general population in all SF-36 domains, with the exception of role emotional domain.

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