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Abstract

The impact of male reproductive health challenges within the conjugal relationship and their management have not been conspicuous in the literature till date. This study examined the incidence of male reproductive health diseases and conjugal satisfaction among married women in Lagos and Osun States Nigeria. The data for the study were extracted from a 2010 survey of 435 couples in the southwest Nigeria. Data obtained were analyzed using a combination of univariate and binary logistic. The common male reproductive health challenges identified include erectile dysfunction (10.5%), gonorrhoea (12.7%), low sperm count (0.1%), testicular cancer (6.3%), prostate cancer (3.2%) and prostate cancer (1.6%). Where the husbands experience erectile dysfunction, prostate cancer or gonorrhoea, the couples are 0.064, 0.898 and 0.583 times (respectively) less likely to enjoy marital satisfaction than where the diseases are absent. It recommends establishment of robust specialized reproductive healthcare services to cater for health needs of men, who may be experiencing sexual problems in order to engender stability in family relationship and Nigeria. The study concludes that marriage counselors, social workers and other health officials need to focus on erectile dysfunction, gonorrhoea and prostate cancer as major determinants of sustainable marital satisfaction.

Key words: Male reproductive health diseases, sexual, conjugal relationship, coping strategies