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ABSTRACT

The objectives of this study are to investigate the level of readiness and its affecting factors, regarding AIDS prevention and control, carried out by nursing staff in the central region of the Corrections Department. The independent variables to be studied include personal, psychological, and duty performance factors. The dependent variables are knowledge and attitude about AIDS, and decision making in duty performance. The samples group consisted of 101 nurses working in the central region of the Corrections Department. Questionnaires were distributed between Dec. 1st - Feb. 15th, 1993 all (100 percent) were completed and returned. The collected data was analyzed by computer. Results of the analysis revealed high scores on knowledge, attitude and decision making, as well as on readiness.

According to the analysis there are definite correlations between knowledge, duty performance and readiness; knowledge, policy and readiness, but no correlation between psychological factors and readiness. Correlations also exist between knowledge, policy and attitude; knowledge, status and duty performance; and knowledge and decision making

The recommendations of this study are that policy related to AIDS prevention and control should be clearly mentioned by involved authorities and that all facilities should be provided with these recommendations in order to increase knowledge and working ability of the nursing staff.