

Knowledge, Attitude & Practice among Dermatology residents and Interns in a tertiary care hospital

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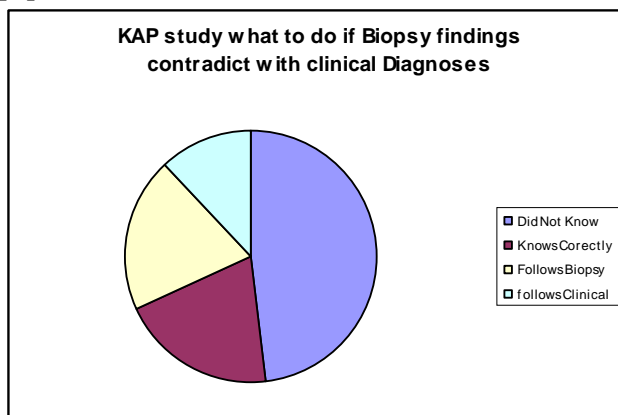
**Background;** Dermatopathology is a rapidly growing subject that is being given increasing importance in today's Medical curriculum. However, the outcome of such programs in terms of Knowledge, Attitude and Practices of Interns and Residents remain unknown

**Inclusion Criteria:** All consenting interns and residents pursuing a course of MD Dermatology in the said hospital were eligible.

**Methodology:** An objective semistructured questionnaire was administered after obtaining consent and the results recorded. The entire questionnaire was in English and consisted of 20 questions testing KAP in common situations.

**Statistical Calculations:** All responses were recorded in Likert scale and statistical significance tests done in chi square.

**Results:** 25 residents and Interns (16 interns and 9 residents) from all 3 years of MD Curriculum were included. 80% (20 out of 25) believed they received enough training in dermatopathology in their Graduation & first year of MD curriculum. 48% (Interns: 24% and 24% Residents) admitted they did not know what to do if finding of Histopathology contradicted with clinical expectations while a further 20% said they would follow histopathology findings even if they contradicted. 75% of the interns did not have any clue about the common findings of common diseases (Eg: Leprosy, Cutaneous TB etc). 80% of the study participants believed Dermatopathology should be made a compulsory subject & a further 15% believed it should be made a separate paper in MD level



**Conclusion:** Dermatopathology awareness is poor among residents and interns and urgent need for reforms in curriculum at both MD and Graduation level is warranted