

Adolescent's utilization of web-sites as a source of information about their reproductive health

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An exploratory descriptive study was conducted at faculty of nursing, university of Alexandria, Egypt, to explore adolescent's utilization of web-sites as a source of information about their reproductive health. The study sample consisted of all nursing students enrolled in the first academic year 2008-2009 who accepted to participate in the study (200 students). First year students were chosen because they are still in the late adolescence period (17-21). A questionnaire sheet was developed after reviewing of the relevant literature it comprises the following parts: Part1: Socio-demographic data such as gender, age, etc. Part2: Media available at home e.g radio, television, computer...etc. Part3: Reproductive health related topics accessed by the study subject e.g, puberty, menstruation, pregnancy, nutrition, drugs, cancer, violence, parenting...etc,

The participants were asked to select the ones on which they have ever sought for information, preferred topics, other sources of their information e.g parents, radio, TV or printed materials...etc and their perception about the health information on the internet. The study revealed that they preferred using the internet instead of other sources, because it ensures privacy and easiness of accessing relevant valid information. It concluded that, the internet is a source of reproductive health information commonly used by adolescents

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