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#### **Abstract**

**Introduction:** The vulnerability of students to caffeine addiction is heightened by factors such as academic stress, irregular schedules, and peer pressure, making it imperative to address this concern effectively. The widespread availability of caffeine-containing products, coupled with a lack of comprehensive public education about caffeine's potential risks, has contributed to its pervasive use. For many students, caffeine has become an everyday companion.

**Aim:** The aim of this study was to assess the effectiveness of a structured teaching program (STP) on caffeine addiction and its impact among students of Rayat Bahra College of Nursing, Mohali.

**Methods:** A quantitative research design with one group pre-test and post-test was chosen for the study. Total 100 students were selected by using convenience sampling technique. Self-structured questionnaire and structured teaching programme were used for data collection and analysis was done by using descriptive, inferential statistics.

**Results:** The study findings revealed that in the Pre-test knowledge score distribution was on the basis of poor knowledge, average knowledge and good knowledge. In Pre-test 16% adolescents had poor knowledge, 75% had average knowledge whereas only 9% had good knowledge regarding caffeine addiction. It shows that majority of respondents had average knowledge during Pre-test regarding caffeine addiction. In Post-test 97% had good knowledge and only 3% had average knowledge regarding caffeine addiction.

**Conclusions:** The findings of the study showed that post -test knowledge score was greater than pretest knowledge score regarding caffeine addiction among students. Hence, structured teaching program was effective. Our findings highlight the needs for more intensive efforts to improve knowledge of the students.

Keywords: Caffeine addiction, structured teaching program students, knowledge, students

#### Introduction

Caffeine, a widely consumed psychoactive substance found in various beverages and products, has become an integral part of modern society. Its stimulant properties are often sought after by individuals seeking increased alertness and productivity, particularly among students facing the rigors of academic life <sup>[1]</sup>. However, the escalating prevalence of caffeine consumption among students has raised concerns about its potential consequences, including addiction and the subsequent impact on physical and mental well-being <sup>[2]</sup>.

Caffeine addiction, characterized by a compulsive craving and dependency on caffeine containing substances, has been recognized as a growing issue among the student population <sup>[3]</sup>. While moderate caffeine consumption may offer short-term cognitive benefits, excessive intake can lead to a range of adverse effects, including sleep disturbances, anxiety, cardiovascular issues, and impaired academic performance. The vulnerability of students to caffeine addiction is heightened by factors such as academic stress, irregular schedules, and peer pressure, making it imperative to address this concern effectively <sup>[4]</sup>.

The widespread availability of caffeine-containing products, coupled with a lack of comprehensive public education about caffeine's potential risks, has contributed to its pervasive use. For many students, caffeine has become an everyday companion, relied upon to combat fatigue, boost concentration, and meet the demands of a fast-paced academic

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lifestyle <sup>[5]</sup>. One essential aspect of addressing caffeine addiction is recognizing the profound impact it has on students' academic performance. As they strive for excellence in their studies, students are confronted with immense pressure and competition. It is within this context that caffeine, initially embraced as a means to enhance productivity, can paradoxically hinder their achievements <sup>[6]</sup>. The jittery restlessness resulting from caffeine addiction may lead to decreased focus and a decline in cognitive functioning. These consequences, when left unaddressed, can significantly compromise not only individual academic pursuits but also the overall educational experience <sup>[7]</sup>.

# Need of the study

Caffeine addiction represents a challenge that necessitates not only academic exploration but also practical solutions. With caffeine being an integral part of contemporary culture, it is crucial to appreciate the various facets of this issue and its significance within the educational landscape [8]

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In conclusion, the need for this study was paramount in today's educational and societal context. It is a timely response to a pressing issue with far-reaching consequences <sup>[9]</sup>. By investigating caffeine addiction among students and evaluating the efficacy of structured teaching programs, this research offers a pathway to better academic outcomes, improved mental health, and the cultivation of informed, health-conscious individuals who can make choices that benefit not only themselves but society as a whole <sup>[10]</sup>.

# **Problem Statement**

A pre-experimental study to assess the effectiveness of structured teaching program (STP) on knowledge regarding caffeine addiction and its impact among students of Rayat Bahra College of Nursing, Mohali

# Objectives of the study

- To develop tool to assess the existing level of knowledge regarding caffeine addiction and its impact among students of Rayat Bahra College of Nursing, Mohali.
- To develop and implement the structured teaching program regarding caffeine addiction and its impact among students of Rayat Bahra College of Nursing, Mohali.
- 3. To assess and compare pre-test and post-test knowledge score regarding caffeine addiction and its impact among students of Rayat Bahra College of Nursing, Mohali.
- 4. To find the association of level of knowledge with selected socio demographic variables.
- 5. To disseminate the findings.

## Hypothesis of the study

H<sub>1</sub>: There will be significant difference between pre-test and post-test level of knowledge scores regarding knowledge of caffeine addiction.

H<sub>2</sub>: There will be significant association of pre-test level knowledge score with selected socio demographic variables.

# **Operational Definitions**

**Caffeine:** Caffeine is a plant-based alkaloid which stimulates the central nervous system of anyone who consumes it. It was derived from boiling certain leaves, bark and seeds in hot water. Its chemical name is 1, 2, 3 trimethyl xanthine. It's considered as the most commonly used psychoactive drug in the world!

**Addiction:** Fear a compulsive, chronic, physiological or psychological need for a habit forming substance, behavior, or activity having harmful physical, psychological, or social effects and typically causing well-defined symptoms (such as anxiety, irritability, tremors, or nausea) upon withdrawal or abstinence

**Students:** In this study, there were nursing students of Rayat Bahra College of Nursing, Mohali.

**Structured teaching:** It is a methodological and scientific approach to provide structure to develop predictability in their life, in short and simple facilitated manner.

# Methodology

# Research Approach

In the view of the problem a Quantitative research approach was chosen for the present study in order to assess the effectiveness of structured teaching program (STP) on caffeine addiction and its impact among students of Rayat Bahra College of Nursing, Mohali.

#### Research Design

A pre-experimental research design was considered to be appropriate for the present study to assess effectiveness of structured teaching program (STP) on caffeine addiction and its impact among students.

# **Research Setting**

The present study was conducted at Rayat Bahra College of Nursing, Mohali, Punjab.

## **Study Population**

The target population of the present study was nursing students studying in Rayat Bahra College of Nursing, Mohali, Punjab

# Sample and Sampling Technique

**Sample:** Nursing students of Rayat Bahra College of Nursing, Mohali, Punjab.

**Sample size:** A total sample of 100 nursing students of Rayat Bahra College of Nursing were selected.

**Sampling technique:** The subjects were selected on the basis of inclusion and exclusion criteria and sample were selected according to the convenience.

# Eligibility criteria

# **Inclusive criteria**

- 1. Students of Rayat Bahra College of Nursing, Mohali
- 2. Student who was present at the time of data collection.

#### **Exclusive criteria**

1. Students who was not willing to participate.

# **Selection of tool**

The tool was formulated according to the need of the study and consisted of:

Section A: Socio Demographic Variables
 Section B: Self Structured Questionnaire
 Section C: Structured Teaching Program

# Section A: Socio demographic variables

This section consists of information about demographic variables such as Age, Gender, Religion, Residence of student, educational status of parents, and Occupation of parents.

# Section B: Self structured questionnaire

The data was collected through Self Structured questionnaire. It consists of 30 questions and the total score was 30. This instrument was used to identify the knowledge regarding caffeine addiction and its impact among students.

# **Section C: Structured teaching program**

This part consists of structured teaching program on caffeine addiction. Teaching was given with the use PowerPoint presentation.

# Reliability of tool

Reliability of tool was calculated by Split Half method.

# **Ethical considerations**

Study approval was taken from ethical committee of Rayat

Bahra College of Nursing, Mohali, Punjab. Keeping in mind the legal rights of the study subjects, only those who were willing to participate were included in the study. Written informed consent was taken from each study subject after explaining them about study, its objectives and its benefits. Confidentiality was maintained throughout the study.

# Pilot study

Pilot study was conducted in the month of October. Pilot study was conducted to ensure the feasibility of the study and reliability of the tool. The required changes were made in tool. It was conducted on GNM 1<sup>st</sup> year at Rayat Bahra college of Nursing, Mohali, Punjab. Also, it was found that study was feasible and tool was reliable to carry out final study.

# Procedure of data collection

The data collection for the study was carried out from including 100 subjects. A formal permission was obtained from the Director Principal of Rayat Bahra college of Nursing, Mohali, Punjab. Study procedure was explained to the study subjects prior to the data collection. They were assured that their responses would be kept confidential and will be used only for research purpose. The demographic profile was filled by investigator by using convenient sampling technique.

# Data analysis

Analysis of data was done in accordance with the objectives. Statistical analysis was performed using SPSS18 and excel 2010 software. Descriptive statistics was performed for sample characteristics (frequency, percentage, mean, standard deviation). The inferential statistics (paired T test) was performed. Data was presented in the forms of tables, charts, diagrams and bar graphs, p value at 0.05 was considered statistically significant.

**Table 1:** Frequency and percentage distribution of students (n=100)

Variables	Options	Frequency (f)	Percentage (%)	
	<18 years	50	50.0%	
A	18-19 years	35	35.0%	
Age	20-22 years	11	11.0%	
	≥23 years	4	4.0%	
Condon	Male	42	42.0%	
Gender	Female	58	58.0%	
	Hindu	42	42.0%	
	Sikh	51	51.0%	
Religion	Muslim	6	6.0%	
	Christian	1	1.0%	
	Other	0	0.0%	
	Home	43	43.0%	
Residence of student	Hostel	50	50.0%	
	With relatives	5	5.0%	
	P.G./Flat	2	2.0%	
	No formal education	3	3.0%	
	Primary	44	44.0%	
Education status of father	Secondary	38	38.0%	
	Graduation and above	15	15.0%	
	No formal education	14	14.0%	
Education at the of mostless	Primary	36	36.0%	
Education status of mother	Secondary	35	35.0%	
	Graduation and above	15	15.0%	
O	Self Employed	33	33.0%	
Occupation of father	Government job	36	36.0%	

	Private job	2	2.0%
	Any Other	29	29.0%
Occupation of mother	Home Maker	81	81.0%
	Self Employed	3	3.0%
	Government job	15	15.0%
	Any Other	1	1.0%

Table 1. Reveals frequency and percentage distribution of students according to different demographic variables

Table 2: Comparison of frequency & percentage distribution of pre-test and post-test level of knowledge

Criteria measure of knowledge score						
Score level (n= 100)	Pre-Test f (%)	Post-Test f (%)				
Poor knowledge (0-10)	16(16%)	0(0%)				
Average knowledge (11-20)	75(75%)	3(3%)				
Good knowledge (21-30)	9(9%)	97(97%)				
M	aximum Score=30 Minimum Score=0					

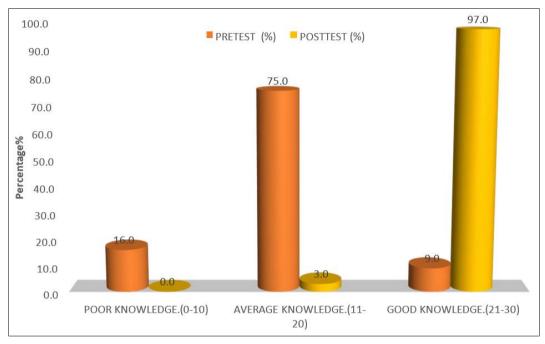


Fig 1: Criterion Measures

Table -2: depicts that in Pre-test majority of study subjects had Average knowledge 75 (75.0%) whereas in Post-test majority of students had good knowledge 97(97.0%).

Hence, findings indicate that the knowledge was increased after intervention

 Table 3: Table showing association of level of Pre-test knowledge score regarding caffeine addiction and its impact with their selected demographic variables

Association of knowledge scores with selected socio-demographic variables.									
Variables	Options	Good Knowledge	Average	Poor Knowledge	Chi Test	P Value	DF	Table Value	Result
	<18 years	3	39	8	4.16 7	0.654	6	12.592	Not Significant
	18-19 years	5	25	5					
Age	20-22 years	1	7	3					
	≥23 years	0	4	0					
	Male	1	30	1	8.34 8	0.015		5.991	Significant
Gender		1	30	1			2		
	Female	8	45	5					
	Hindu	5	32	5	8.59 0	0.198	.198 6	12.592	Not Significant
	Sikh	2	38	1					
Daliaion				1					
Religion	Muslim	2	4	0					
	Christian	0	1	0					
	Other	0	0	0					
Residence of student	Home	0	34	9	21.3			6 12.592	Significant
	Hostel	9	38	3		0.002	6		
	With relatives	0	2	3					

	P.G./Flat	0	1	1					
Education status of father	No formal education	2	1	0	23.0 41	0.001		12.592	Significant
	Primary	3	37	4					
	Secondary	1	26	1			6		
	Graduation			1	1				
	and above	3	11	1					
Education status	No formal education	2	12	0	6.05	0.417		12.592	Not Significant
	Primary	4	27	5	6.05		6		
of mother	Secondary	2	24	9					
	Graduation and above	1	12	2					
	Self Employed	2	26	5	12.6 38	0.049		12.592	Significant
Occupation of	Government job	3	22	1			6		
father	Private job	0	2	0					
	Any Other	4	25	0					
Occupation of mother	Home Maker	6	61	1 4	3.51	0.742			Not Significant
	Self Employed	1	2	0			6	12.592	
	Government job	2	11	2					
	Any Other	0	1	0					

Table -3 reveals that there is significant association between gender, Residence of student, Education status of father and Occupation of father of the respondents and level of knowledge.

#### **Discussion**

The findings of the present study revealed that overall Posttest mean knowledge score (27.78) was higher than the Pretest mean knowledge score (15.51) of students regarding knowledge of caffeine addiction. These findings of knowledge score reveal that there was a substantial increase in the knowledge after the implementation of Structured Teaching Program. These findings of the present study were similar to the previous study to improve the knowledge regarding caffeine addiction through education intervention. These findings support other studies conducted by Khan Maryam and Aslam Naeem (2020) [11] Conducted a qualitative study having sample of 30 cigarette smoker students. Furthermore, the findings of the study showed that the addiction is higher among the individual who were older in this sample. The findings were also supported by Choi Jinkyung (2020) [12] Conducted a descriptive study Selfreported questionnaires were distributed on campus to students The results of exploratory factor analysis showed the motivations for caffeinated beverage consumption were alertness, taste, mood, socialization, health benefits, and habit. The motivations for consuming each caffeinated beverage product were different. The findings were also supported by Suhag Narender (2017) [13] conducted both exploratory as well as descriptive research technique were used to gain the background information and recent trends on consumption of caffeinated beverages, this study shows that the students were able to identify the beverages containing caffeine or its content in the commonly consumed beverages.

# Conclusion

The findings of the study showed that post -test knowledge score was greater than pre- test knowledge score regarding

caffeine addiction. It reveals that structured teaching program was effective. Our findings highlight need for more intensive efforts to promote proper knowledge regarding caffeine addiction. In the Pre-test knowledge score distribution is on the basis of Poor knowledge, Average knowledge and good knowledge. In Pre-test 16% students had Poor knowledge, 75% had average knowledge whereas only 9% had good knowledge of caffeine addiction. In Posttest 97% had good knowledge and only 3% had average regarding caffeine addiction.

# Recommendations

- The study can be replicated with large sample to generalize the findings.
- The study can be done in different settings.
- Studies can be conducted by using different health educational methods such as lectures.
- The same study can be done with an experiment research approach having a control group.
- The same study can be done on different sample

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