SELF ESTEEM OF HIV INFECTED PERSONS OF TRIPURA
A COMPARATIVE STUDY
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Abstract

HIV as an illness affects the person first and foremost at the biological level in the form of an aggressive virus that compromises immunity. Every illness experience represents a unique and dramatic negative experience for the patient; it is associated with a profound and authentic psychological engagement of patients themselves and the significant people in their lives. The present study attempted to ascertain the self esteem of the HIV infected persons. For this purpose a sample of 67 HIV positive persons of both the gender were purposively selected from the ART centre of Agartala Government Medical College. Self esteem Inventory was used for the said purpose. The result showed that the gender has no significant impact on the self esteem of the HIV infected persons.

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