

EFFECT OF EDUCATION ON CHOICE OF MEDICAL TREATMENT OPTIONS IN SELECTED RURAL COMMUNITIES IN IMO STATE OF NIGERIA

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ABSTRACT

Rural dwellers, in the event of illness in Nigeria, often take to treatment options that exacerbate their illnesses and accelerate death process, as a result of factors ranging from ignorance to poverty. It is on this premise that this study sought to determine the influence of education on choice of medical treatment options, using data collected from the researchers'-made questionnaire. The analysis revealed that there was a significant association between level of education and choice of medical treatment. In particular, the association was significant for male and non-significant for female. The study also showed that the educated tended to be more inclined to modern treatment. The study recommends, among other measures, increase educational opportunities to the people and integration of native medicine and spiritual healing into modern medical institutions to cater for various illnesses using these practices.

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