



## PERCEPTION AND BEHAVIOR TOWARDS COVID-19 VACCINE AMONG STUDENTS AND FACULTIES OF NURSING COLLEGES AT GUJARAT

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### ABSTRACT

**Introduction:** Perception and behavior towards corona vaccine among peoples in India was poor due to some side effects and negative media publicity in primary phases of vaccination. India has developed two types of vaccine (Covaxin and covidshield). During primary phase of corona vaccine we don't have appropriate research and literature, about side effects and how far vaccine is reliable that why due so some minor side effect and negative media publicity peoples are very scared to take vaccine. So few peoples were started denial get vaccinated. The researcher wan to explore the positivity through the research result to reduce the negative mindset of the peoples toward corona vaccine, Because in India few peoples has fear to take vaccine against corona due to negative media publicity and scared of side effect.

**Objective:** To assess the existing level of perception and behaviour toward COVID 19 vaccine and to find out the association between selected socio-demographic variables.

**Methods:** Descriptive cross sectional survey research design was used and non-probability (snowball) sampling method was used to drawn samples through online Google form, all questions were plots on Google form and inform consent form also has been taken online prior to data collection from the samples.

Prior to data collection written setting permission obtain from nursing colleges principals, for the data collection researcher were selected total 03 nursing institutes. The total sample size was 254 nursing college students and faculties.

The tool consist of following Section-01 Demographic variables, section-02 Nursing students and faculties information related to covid-19 vaccination during 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> dose and Section-3 Questions related to perception and behaviour towards COVID 19 vaccine.

Descriptive statistics applied where, data were analyzed by using SPSS software, and Frequency, percentage, tables etc. were used to represent the statistical data in the tables and graph and figure. Chi-square test was used to assess the significant association between the demographic and level of perception to test the hypothesis.

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**Results:** Out of 254, 245(96.45%) were belong age 17-25 years, 219(86.22%) were females, 53(20.87%) were study Diploma course and 178(70.08%) were study degree course, 223(87.79%) belong to Hindu, religion, 227(89.37%) were Unmarried, 134(52.75%) were from urban area, and rest 120 (47.24%) belongs to Rural area. Sources of information about COVID 19 vaccine 109(42.92%) got from online media, 44(17.32%) from television, 243(95.67%) received free of cost corona vaccine, 199(78.35%) mindset was not influenced by negative media publicity about vaccine, 248(97.63%) do not have any co-morbidities. 219(86.22%) taken Covid-19 vaccine empty stomach. 221(87%) of samples were taken willingly vaccine, 205(80.71%) of samples were received covidshield vaccine and others 49(19.29%) were taken Covaxin, 109(42.91%) samples noticed mild fever, 53(20.87%) samples noticed moderate fever, 18(7.08%) noticed severe fever and rest 74(29.13%) didn't noticed fever.

**Conclusions:** Regarding perception and behaviour towards COVID 19 vaccine, the majority of samples has good perception and behaviour, 74.00% has good perception and only 23.00 had moderate to poor perception, majority of participant were willingly taken vaccine and agree to recommend to others, not evidence any serious side effect due to vaccination.

**Keywords:** Covaxin; covidshield; DPCN; WHO; nursing; college, fever.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

On 30 January, World Health Organization (WHO) 2020, announce COVID-19 as a public health crisis and afterwards On 11 March 2020, World Health Organization (WHO) announce the corona virus disease 2019 a pandemic (COVID-19) [1].

According to report on 22 October 2021, worldwide cases reached over 242.5 million people worldwide [2]. The number of deaths had totaled more than 4.9 million [2].

According to report on 25 October 2021, India covid-19 infected cases reached over 34 million and total death 4.5 million [3].

Vaccination was one of the greatest cost-efficient, inhibitory actions [4]. Vaccines were the upmost essential public wellness actions and highly successful method to save public from covid-19 [5]. The world is presently working for the quick evolution of the COVID 19 vaccine. A successful COVID 19 vaccine should be useful, effective, set free from any side effect and affordable for local people in the world [6-7].

There are presently above 125 vaccines go through pre-clinical investigation for covid-19. The vaccines are than go into three phases of clinical tests, India has already rolled out a huge coronavirus effort to utilize two vaccines, Covishield and Covaxin [8,9].

The covid-19 vaccine was introduced on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2021. Health personnel and frontline workers were the first group who get the opportunity to get COVID-19 vaccine and after them individuals who are above 50 years of age and individuals who are under 50 years and suffering from co-morbidity conditions were the second group for COVID-19 vaccination [10].

There were two doses of covid-19 vaccine which would be offered in 28 days' gap. The efficiency of vaccine starts later on 14 days of taking the second dose. The covid-19 vaccine was extremely fruitful against covid-19 [6]. Some experts declare that the vaccine protected against covid-19 in 62% of those who received two full doses and 90% of those who initially received half dose [11,12].

Corona virus (COVID-19) Vaccinations status **48.5%** of the world population has received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

**6.84 billion doses** have been administered globally, and **25.52 million** are now administered each day. India's Cumulative COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage exceeds 102.27 Cr [13].

## 2. OBJECTIVE

1. To assess the existing level of perception toward COVID 19 vaccine among students and faculties of Nursing colleges at Anand and Kheda Districts.
2. To assess the behavior towards COVID 19 vaccine among students and faculties of Nursing colleges at Anand and Kheda Districts.
3. To find out the association between selected socio-demographic variables and perceptions towards COVID 19 vaccine.

## 3. MATERIALS AND METHODS

**Research Approach:** - Non Experimental, Descriptive survey approach

**Research Design:** - Cross sectional survey.

**Research Variables**

- 1) **Dependant variables:** Perception and behavior toward covid-19 vaccine
- 2) **Demographic variables:** demographic variables of Nursing Student's such as Age, Gender, Course, Year, Marital status, vaccination history, side effects.

#### Sampling method

The E-survey was prepared online and hyperlink of the survey was distributed to students using mobile group messaging application. It was made sure in a class that most of the students are having smart mobile devices and sufficient Internet connectivity to fill up the form online. Students who were not using Internet were encouraged to take help from their friends having Internet enabled device. Prior to the distribution, students were made clear about the objectives of this study and inform consent form. It is to be noted that student participation was voluntarily and they could opted not to fill up the E-survey [14,15].

**Instrument for Data Collection:** For the data collection toll has been prepared in three categories. 1. Questionnaire related to Covid-19 vaccine 1<sup>st</sup> dose, 2. Questionnaire related to Covid-19 vaccine 2<sup>nd</sup> dose, and 3 point likert scale to assess the perception and behavior.

**Study population:-** Nursing College Students. And Faculties.

**Study Sample:** - Nursing students and faculties who received covid-19 vaccine

**Study Setting:** 04 nursing institutes of the kheda and Anand District Gujarat.

**Sample Size:** - 254 Nursing College Student and Faculties.

#### Sample criteria

##### Inclusion criteria:

1. Students and faculties of nursing colleges of both gender of age between 17- 60 years.
2. Those who have taken COVID - 19 vaccine.

##### Exclusive criteria:

1. Those who are not willing to participate in study.
2. Those who have not taken vaccine.

#### Tool for Data Collection:

Section-I: Consist of Demographic variables.

Section-II: Consist of Questionnaire related to Covid-19 vaccine 1<sup>st</sup> dose.

Section-III: Consist of Questionnaire related to Covid-19 vaccine 2<sup>nd</sup> dose.

Section-IV: Consist of 3 point likert scale to assess the perception and behavior.

## 4. RESULTS

### Section I: Demographic variables of nursing students and faculties

The [Table -1] portrays that majority participants (96%) age below 25 years, majority (86%) were female, (70%) were undergraduate students.

[Table -1] depicts majority (87%) were belong to Hindu religion, (89%) were unmarried, (95%) received vaccine free of cost, majority (86%) taken vaccine empty stomach.

### Section II: Distribution according to information during 1<sup>st</sup> dose of covid-19 vaccine

The [Table-2] depicts majority (87%) willingly taken vaccine, (80%) were taken Covishield vaccine, (80%) does not have any serious side effects after taken vaccine, (42%) mild fever and last longer for 1-2 days. (43.70%) had mild pain on the vaccine site, 203(79.92%) participant do not have fear prior to take corona vaccine.

### Section III: Distribution according to information during 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of covid-19 vaccine.

[Table -3] depicts majority (89%) willingly taken vaccine, (90%) does not have fear (97%) does not have any serious side effects after taken vaccine, (37%) mild fever and last longer for 1-2 days. (44.70%) had mild pain on the vaccine site.

### Section IV: Distribution according to Perception and behavior toward covid-19 vaccine

[Table -4] depicts majority only 7(2.7%) had poor perception, 60(23.7%) had moderate perception, 187(73.6) majority of participant had good perception.

### Section V: Distribution according to Association between perception and selected demographic variables.

The [Table-6] depicts outcome of chi-square test results, In reference to the association of perception and behaviour with selected demographic variables, there was significant association of perception with sources of corona vaccine information and rest of variable found not significant, at 0.05 level of significant.

**Table 1. Frequency and percentage distribution according to demographic variables. (N=254)**

Variables	Categories	(F)	(%)
Age	17-25	245	96.45%
	26-35	8	3.14%
	36-45	0	0%
	46-60	1	0.39%
Gender	Male	35	13.77%
	Female	219	86.22%
Educational status	Diploma	53	20.87%
	Undergraduate	178	70.08%
	Postgraduate Degree	23	9.05%
	M.Phil./Ph.D.	0	0%
Religion	Hindu	223	87.79%
	Muslim	5	1.97%
	Christian	26	10.24%
Marital Status	Unmarried	227	89.37%
	Married	24	9.45%
	Widow/Widower	3	1.18%
Residence	Urban Area	134	52.75%
	Rural Area	120	47.24%
Family Monthly Income	Below 10,000	34	13.38%
	10,000-20,000	57	22.44%
	20,001-30,000	34	13.38%
	Above 30,000	66	25.98%
	I Don't know	63	24.80%
Sources of information about COVID 19 vaccine	Online media	109	42.92%
	Television	44	17.32%
	News paper	12	4.72%
	Friends/Family members	14	5.51%
	Teachers	51	20.07%
Paid for vaccine	Yes	24	9.44%
	No	11	4.33%
Negative media influence you	Yes	243	95.67%
	No	55	21.65%
Taken vaccine empty stomach?	Yes	199	78.35%
	No	35	13.78%
		219	86.22%

Key:- (F)= Frequency, (%)= Percentage

**Table 2. Frequency and percentage distribution according to information during 1<sup>st</sup> dose of covid-19 vaccine (N=254)**

Statement	Total	%
<b>Status of COVID-19 vaccination?</b>		
Willingly taken	221	87.00
Not Willingly taken	33	13.00
<b>Which COVID-19 Vaccine injected in your body?</b>		
Covishield	205	80.7
Covaxin	49	19.3
<b>Do you have any severe side effects after taking 1<sup>st</sup> dose of COVID-19 vaccine?</b>		
Yes	51	20.0
No	203	80.0
<b>After taking 1<sup>st</sup> dose of vaccine status of fever?</b>		
Mild Fever	109	42.9
Moderate Fever	53	29.8
Severe Fever	18	7.0
None of above	74	29.1

Statement	Total	%
<b>Duration of Fever after taking 1<sup>st</sup> dose of COVID-19 vaccine?</b>		
1-day		
2-days	97	38.1
3-days or more	79	31.1
None of above	08	3.1
	70	27.7
<b>Did you required hospitalization after taking 1<sup>st</sup> dose of COVID-19 vaccine?</b>		
Yes		
No	10	4.0
	244	96.0
<b>Status of injection site pain after taking 1<sup>st</sup> dose of COVID-19 vaccine?</b>		
Mild Pain		
Moderate Pain	111	43.7
Severe pain	65	25.5
None of above	19	7.5
	59	23.2
<b>Duration of injection site pain after taking 1<sup>st</sup> dose of COVID-19 vaccine?</b>		
1-day		
2-days	67	26.4
3-days or more	68	26.8
None of above	60	23.6
	59	23.2
<b>After taking 1<sup>st</sup> dose of COVID-19 vaccine which other side effects do you have?</b>		
Nausea and vomiting		
Lethargy	05	2.0
Headache and Body ache	18	7.09
None of above	131	51.1
	100	39.0
<b>Do you have fear prior to take COVID-19 vaccine?</b>		
Yes		
No	51	20.0
	203	80.0

**Table 3. Frequency and percentage distribution according to information during 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of covid-19 vaccine (N=254)**

Statement	Total	%
<b>Status of COVID-19 vaccination?</b>		
Willingly taken	226	89.00
Not Willingly taken	28	11.00
<b>Do you have fear to take 2<sup>nd</sup> dose</b>		
Yes	27	10.0
No	227	90.0
<b>Do you have any severe side effects after taking 2nd dose of COVID-19 vaccine?</b>		
Yes	8	3.0
No	246	97.0
<b>After taking 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of vaccine status of fever?</b>		
Mild Fever		
Moderate Fever	95	37.4
Severe Fever	13	5.1
None of above	3	1.18
	143	55.12
<b>Duration of Fever after taking 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of COVID-19 vaccine?</b>		
1-day		
2-days	65	25.6

Statement	Total	%
3-days or more	44	17.3
None of above	4	2.0
	140	55.1
<b>Did you required hospitalization after taking 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of COVID-19 vaccine?</b>		
Yes	8	3.1
No	246	96.9
<b>Status of injection site pain after taking 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of COVID-19 vaccine?</b>		
Mild Pain		
Moderate Pain	114	44.9
Severe pain	58	22.8
None of above	03	1.18
	79	31.1
<b>Duration of injection site pain after taking 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of COVID-19 vaccine?</b>		
1-day	86	33.8
2-days	70	27.5
3-days or more	15	6.0
None of above	83	32.6
<b>After taking 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of COVID-19 vaccine which other side effects do you have?</b>		
Nausea and vomiting		
Lethargy	1	0.39
Headache and Body ache	7	2.75
None of above	88	34.6
	158	62.2

**Table 4. Frequency and percentage distribution according Perception and behavior toward covid-19 vaccine.**

Perception and behavior level	Frequency	Percentage
Poor Perception	7	2.7
Moderate Perception	60	23.7
Good Perception	187	73.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Table 5. Level of Perception and behavior toward covid-19 vaccine likert scale (n=254)**

Statement	A Percentage	U	DA
Will you recommend COVID 19 vaccine to others?	74.8	10.2	19.9
Getting myself vaccinated for COVID 19, would be good way to protect myself against infection?	81.4	10.2	8.2
Does COVID 19 symptoms after taken vaccine may differ from one person to another?	41.7	26.3	31.8
Do you think COVID 19 vaccination is an effective way to prevent and control COVID 19?	74.8	12.5	12.5
Is Corona infection providing better immunity than COVID 19 vaccine?	44.8	24.0	31.1
Is COVID 19 vaccine safe for all?	56.2	19.2	24.4
Do you think all has to take COVID 19 vaccine?	68.1	16.9	14.9
COVID 19 vaccine may be fatal?	9.05	44.8	46.0
COVID 19 vaccine can lead to serious health issues?	7.8	24.8	67.3
COVID 19 vaccine is sufficient for preventing Corona virus to all?	45.2	22.8	31.8
I believe a vaccine can help control the spread of COVID 19?	23.6	60.6	15.7
Is COVID 19 vaccine become available, it should be mandatory for	55.9	23.6	20.4

Statement	A	U	DA
all?			
Is COVID 19 vaccine will be given to everyone simultaneously?	56.2	28.3	15.3
Is it mandatory to take the vaccine?	50	27.9	22.0
Is it necessary for a COVID recovered person to take the vaccine?	57.0	27.5	15.3
The vaccine introduced in India be as effective as the ones introduced in other countries?	53.9	35.8	10.2
Does one need to follow preventive measures such as wearing mask, hand sanitization, social distancing after receiving the COVID 19 vaccine?	72.4	15.7	11.8
Are there any common side effects of this vaccine?	53.1	14.5	32.2
Does negative media information's work as a barrier in COVID 19 vaccination?	47.6	25.1	27.1
Will you follow all the COVID 19 protocols once you get vaccinated?	73.6	17.3	9.0

Key:- A:Agree, U:Undecided, DA: Disagree

**Table 6. Outcome of chi-square test results to find significant association between selected demographic variables of nursing students and faculties (n=254)**

Variables	Categories	(f)	Chi-Square	Sig. P-value
Age	17-25	245	4.063	0.907
	26-35	8	df=9	NS
	36-45	0		
	46-60	1		
Gender	Male	35	0.916	1.00
	Female	219	Df=9	NS
Educational status	Diploma	53	5.89	0.750
	Undergraduate	178	df=9	NS
	Postgraduate Degree	23		
Religion	M.Phil./Ph.D.	0		
	Hindu	223	5.278	0.908
	Muslim	5	Df=9	NS
Marital Status	Christian	26		
	Unmarried	227	1.891	0.993
	Married	24	df=9	NS
Residence	Widow	3		
	Urban Area	134	4.046	0.67
	Rural Area	120	df=6	NS
Family Monthly Income	Below 10,000	34	19.86	0.177
	10,000-20,000	57	df=15	
	20,001-30,000	34		
	Above 30,000	66		
Sources of information about COVID 19 vaccine	I Don't know	63		
	Online media	109	<b>32.87</b>	<b>0.18</b>
	Television	44	<b>df=18</b>	<b>Significant</b>
	News paper	12		
	Friends/Family members	14		
	Teachers	51		
	Others	24		

## 5. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

The purpose of the present study is to assess the attitude regarding online lecture after the impact of COVID-19 at selected nursing college Nadiad. The

study consisted of 136 samples that were selected on the basis of simple randomization techniques. Based on the objective.

Regarding perception and behaviour towards COVID 19 vaccine, the majority of samples has good perception and behaviour, 74.00% has good perception and only 23.00 had moderate to poor perception, majority of participant were willingly taken vaccine and agree to recommend to others, not evidence any serious side effect due to vaccination.

### CONSENT

Informed consent form was acquired from the participants prior to data collection.

### ETHICAL CLEARANCE

The study was approved by the institutional ethical committee of Dinsha Patel College of nursing, research committee, there are total 15 members in the committee from various field. The ethical approval reference number is DPCN/2<sup>nd</sup>IEC/2020-21/13 and a formal written permission was gathered from the authority of or Principal of Institute prior to data collection

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