

**A STUDY TO DETERMINE KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDE AND PRACTICE OF
PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING AMONG MALE IN-PATIENTS IN
RIFT- VALLEY PROVINCIAL GENERAL HOSPITAL.**

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ABSTRACT

Very few men are turning up for prostate cancer screening in Rift Valley Provincial General Hospital furthermore in Kenya every year more than 1000 per 100,000 Kenyans are diagnosed with prostate cancer and it's one of the causes of deaths in men which present with different complications once it has metastasized thereby causing a life of unnecessary physical, emotional, and financial suffering which could be preventable.

The purpose of this study is to determine the level of knowledge, attitude, social-demographic effects and practices of male in-patients towards screening for prostate cancer in Rift Valley Provincial General Hospital.

The framework of this study was based on the theory that knowledge and awareness are determinants of health related behavior.

A cross-sectional study survey was adopted where by a total of 218 male patients admitted in Rift Valley Provincial General Hospital were sampled using convenience sampling method.

A self-administered, structured questionnaire with open and close ended questions was used to collect primary data for the study.

After collection of data it was edited, coded and counted, categorized and tabulated .SPSS version 22 was used to analyze together with excel and present the data.

In conclusion the study showed the respondents knowledge on prostate cancer was inadequate their attitude was positive towards prostate cancer screening, their practice towards screening for prostate cancer was poor while low level of education background contributed to their minimal participation towards screening for prostate cancer.