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Title	ROLE OF MEDICAL STUDENTS ON RAISING THE AWARENESS OF THEIR COMMUNITIES REGARDING GENERAL HEALTH EDUCATION
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Content	<p>Background: Medical students are the doctors of the future and so they carry huge responsibilities to take a leadership role regarding raising the awareness of their communities. So how do medical students deal with this responsibility and what are the methods they use? Method: This cross sectional study was conducted via an online questionnaire that consisted of 17 questions. The online questionnaire was answered by students from 5 different universities from Sudan. The aim of this study study is to assess Sudanese Medical students knowledge, attitude and practice regarding medical students participation in health education. Results: The analysis demonstrated that the students had very good knowledge regarding health education as 78.9% of them answered the questions correctly. Also 51% of the students have previously participated in an activity raising awareness targeting the general community and 78% of the students are willing to participate in the future. Finally 80.9% of the students thought that it is a good choice to start community outreaches from the early stages while the remaining 19.1% thought that it would be better to focus solely on basic science during the early years. Conclusion: Community based actions really give the students a feel of the responsibilities they have and so motivate them even more to become future health care providers. I recommend that the students are given more attention and are provided with the resources that enable them to conduct their independent activities to raise awareness in their communities.</p>