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Title	ASSESSMENT OF SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS, NEEDS, ATTITUDES, BELIEFS AND PRACTICES AMONG STAFF AND STUDENTS AT MBARARA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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Content	<p>The purpose of the survey was to collect evidence of the attitudes of Mbarara University of Science and Technology students and staff about matters concerning their knowledge and access to sexual and reproductive health services and information while at the institution. The end of this initiative was to inform the revamping of the University Clinic to enable it provide student friendly sexual reproductive health services. The online survey questionnaire generated using Q-survey was shared on student and staff social media platforms. Knowledge on family planning and contraceptive methods and use was of key-interest. While 57.07% of the respondents were male, 86.83% were single. Information regarding family planning and contraception was mainly attributed to awareness and sensitization through peer educators, class-based learning and social media in order of priority. Male condoms were the most preferred contraceptives due to their affordability and accessibility, easy use, non-invasiveness and no side-effects. This was seconded by hormonal contraceptive pills for their convenience, followed by intra-uterine devices for their durability, injectables for affordability and the rest. Natural family planning methods such as the calendar method were unpopular due to their maximized risk factors. The preference of the above popular methods of family planning and contraception were determined by the occurrence and severity of their side-effects. The above results were conclusively derived to inform the supply and stocking of the University Clinic with student preferred contraceptives. To this effect, it was advised that strengthened partnerships with established SRHR providers such as Mariestopes, Reproductive Health Uganda, Blue Clinics among</p>