

**CURRENT STATUS OF SEXUALITY IN
PARAPLEGIC SPINAL CORD INJURED FEMALE
PATIENTS WHO HAVE GOT EDUCATION ABOUT
SEXUALITY FROM THE HALF WAY HOSTEL OF
CRP (SAVAR): AN EXPLOREATORY STUDY ABOUT
THE PATIENT'S PERSPECTIVE.**

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ABSTRACTS

Aim of the study: To find out the current status of sexuality in paraplegic Spinal Cord injured female patients.

Objectives of the study:

1. To find out how paraplegic Spinal Cord Injured female patients' view to their sexuality.
2. To know about patients' experience in performing this activity with their partners.
3. To find out factors influencing sexuality of patients' perspective.

Study design: The investigator followed an exploratory research designs under the qualitative methodology. Semi-structured face to face interview was conducted to collect the data.

Samples: Convenience sampling was selected to conduct interview. Five participants were selected, who met the selection criteria of the study.

Setting: Half way hostel of the CRP and participants house.

Result: From the in-depth analysis of the data five themes were typically highlighted. Among those, the 1st theme leads the female with SCI to get knowledge about sexuality. Besides those it was also found that they took sexuality is an important issue of their present life to continue their house-hold affair. Performance of sexual activity varies from female to female in accordance with their physical fitness and co-operation of husband. On the contrary some factors like physical, psychosocial etc impeded them to perform sexual activity. Despite there obstructions, the females with SCI sheared their interests about sex, but mainly to satisfy their husband.

Conclusion: Finally, the result concluded that the female with SCI having got education about sexuality from the CRP half way hostel leads an active sexual life with their husband.

Key Words: SCI, Paraplegia, Female, Sexuality, Half way hostel of CRP.