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Health related quality of life among menopausal women

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Background: Menopausal symptoms, impact women's physical, psychological, vasomotor and sexual health related quality of life.

Objective: This exploratory study aimed to assess the effects of menopausal symptoms on the quality of life, using Menopause-Specific Quality of Life Questionnaire (MENQOL) among women.

Methods: By purposive sampling n=413 women between 40-60 years were recruited and the prevalence of menopausal symptoms and its relationship with physical, psychological, vasomotor and sexual health related quality of life were assessed using Menopause-Specific Quality of Life Questionnaire (MENQOL).

Results: The mean age at menopause was 49.59+3.09 years. Nearly (97.14%) women reported at least five or more menopausal symptoms. The prevalence of physical symptoms were (74.56%), vasomotor (60.7%), psychological (44.68%) and sexual problems (26.4%). An overall mean MENQOL scores in physical (27.1+0.72), psychological (2.01+0.27), vasomotor (4.08+0.79) and sexual (3.89+0.59) health related quality of life among menopausal women showed poor quality of life. A significant difference observed between the sociodemographic variables and the health quality of life scores in all domains at (p<0.05).

Conclusion: Menopausal women centred, an integrated model of care would empower women to lead an improved health related quality of life in the next one third of postmenopausal life span development.

Biography

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