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KNOWLEDGE AND PERCEPTIONS RELATED TO HIV/AIDS, ONE RESEARCH WITH ADOLESCENTES IN VESPASIANO CITY, BRASIL.

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OBJECTIVE

The objective of this study was to assess the **KNOWLEDGE** and **PERCEPTIONS** related to HIV/AIDS among adolescents in the city of Vespasiano/BRASIL.



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METHODS

SAMPLE: The sample used in the study consisted of 1.158 adolescents

AGE: Varied from 14 to 19 years old.



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- The adolescents answered validated questionnaires...
- ...and were, at the time of the research, enrolled in nine public secondary schools.



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RESULTS

The average score on the knowledge on HIV/AIDS on a scale of nine questions was 5.1.

The highest rates of knowledge were related to **HIV transmission** and **condom use**.



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- **61%** of the adolescents were misinformed about the risk contamination between heterosexual couples.
- **59.9%** were misinformed about *coitus interruptus*.



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THE GIRLS were better informed
about issues related to
HIV/AIDS (58.7%).



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- The **SCHOOL GRADE** showed direct relationship with the level of knowledge!

FRIENDS AND PARENTS were the mains sources of information for issues involving sexuality!



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CONCLUSION

There are gaps in relation to adolescent' s knowledge on:

WAYS that HIV/AIDS can be transmitted especially for the **RISK SITUATIONS.**



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...The **GROUP APPROACH** methods is fundamental!

...Furthermore it is essential to consider the uniqueness of each adolescent and gender specifications.



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Including **FAMILY AND FRIENDS** improving the participation of **TEACHERS, SCHOOL AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS** are the most advisable paths!



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THANK YOU!

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