PHYSICIANS’ KNOWLEDGE REGARDING THE RECOMMENDED ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS PRESCRIBED MEDICATION REGIMEN: A CROSS-SECTIONAL SURVEY FROM LUCKNOW, INDIA

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Abstract. We conducted a cross-sectional, descriptive survey among 141 medical physicians treating tuberculosis (TB) patients, registered with local chest physicians association in Lucknow District, India. A semi-structured questionnaire was used to evaluate the physicians’ knowledge of anti-tuberculosis prescribed medication regimens. Sixty percent of eligible physicians had Revised National Tuberculosis Control Program training, mostly in the public sector. Only two-thirds of physicians could correctly state the recommended TB drugs. Physicians, especially in the private sector, had inadequate knowledge of the approved anti-tuberculosis prescribed medication regimen. This study demonstrates the need for adequate training in both public and private sectors regarding the correct anti-tuberculosis treatment regimens.