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Variable	6 D W L V ç H G	6 L J Q L ç F D Q F H
Age group		
20-30 years (N=284)	245(86.3)	Chi square =1.03, p>0.05, df =2.
30-59 years(N=490)	432(88.2)	
60 and above (N=169)	149(88.0)	
Gender		
Male (N=460)	408(88.6)	Chi square =1.32 p>0.05, df =1.
Female (N=482)	419(86.9)	
Education		
Illiterate N=(169)	144(85.2)	Chi square =2.3 p>0.05, df =1.
Literate N=(773)	683(88.3)	
Type of facility		
Dispensary (N=609)	545(89.4)	Chi square =9.8 P<0.05, df =3.
Polyclinic (N=114)	100(87.7)	
Community health centre (N=130)	109(83.4)	
District Hospital (N=89)	73(82.0)	

Table 2: Correlates of patient's satisfaction in the study population.

Predictors	2 G G V 5 D W L R & R Q ç G H Q F H L Q W H U Y D O					
		Overall	Polyclinic	Dispensary	CHC	District Hospital
Gender	Male	Ref.	Ref.	Ref.	Ref.	Ref.
	Female	1.4(0.9-2.3)	1.2(0.6-2.2)	0.7(0.1-3.0)	0.6(0.1-2.5)	1.8(0.4-8.8)
Age group	20-30 years	Ref.	Ref.	Ref.	Ref.	Ref.
	30-59 years	0.9(0.5-2.1)	1.7(0.7-4.4)	0	0.1(0.0-5.7)	0.3(0.0-3.8)
	60 and above	0.7(0.3-2.0)	2.2(0.5-9.7)	0	0.1(0.0-3.7)	0.1(0.0-2.5)
Education	Illiterate	Ref.	Ref.	Ref.	Ref.	Ref.
	Literate	1.2(0.7-2.0)	1.5(0.7-3.1)	0.6(0.1-6.5)	0.2(0.0-0.9)	5.0(0.9-28.0)
Access	Below average	Ref.	Ref.	Ref.	Ref.	Ref.
	Above average	6.1(1.2-31.9)	10.3(1.8-57.9)	0	Nil	2.3(0.0-119.5)
Display of signage's	Below average	Ref.	Ref.	Ref.	Ref.	Ref.
	Above average	0.7(0.5-1.2)	0.8(0.4-1.4)	1.7(0.4-6.6)	Nil	4.2(0.9-18.8)
Management	Below average	Ref.	Ref.	Ref.	Ref.	Ref.
	Above average	1.0(0.6-1.6)	0.8(0.4-1.6)	0	2.4(0.4-14.2)	0.5(0.0-16.5)
Physical environment	Below average	Ref.	Ref.	Ref.	Ref.	Ref.
	Above average	1.9(1.1-3.3)	2.6(1.3-5.0)	3.3(0.7-15.2)	Nil	Nil
Physician care	Below average	Ref.	Ref.	Ref.	Ref.	Ref.
	Above average	4.8(3.1-7.4)	2.4(1.3-4.5)	4.0(0.9-16.3)	75.4(13.0-435.3)	7.7(1.6-37.5)
Staff behaviour	Below average	Ref.	Ref.	Ref.	Ref.	Ref.
	Above average	1.3(0.8-2.2)	1.0(0.4-2.1)	1.0(0.2-4.9)	2.4(0.3-14.7)	3.6(0.7-18.9)
r-square		0.078	0.052	0.132	0.313	0.249
adjusted r-square		0.154	0.113	0.252	0.533	0.408

Table 3: Correlates of patient's satisfaction in the study population.

behaviour correlates with patients [21].

In conclusion there was overall good patient satisfaction level with the Outpatient Department. The policy makers should focus on correlates of satisfaction namely, accessibility to health facility, physician care and physical environment of health care facility.

The primary strength of the study is involvement of physicians from wide medical and surgical disciplines from premier institutes of India in designing the satisfaction scale. The limitation is that the findings of this study can not be generalized to other health care facilities and patient's perspective was not taken into account during development of the questionnaire.

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