

QUESTIONNAIRES AS SCREENING INSTRUMENTS FOR LUTS: ARE THEY USED IN NON UROGYNECOLOGICAL UNITS?

Hypothesis / aims of study

There are some self-complemented questionnaires validated and desing to help indentifying patients with LUTS, despite their simplicity they are not used as widespread as they must be used. The aim of this study was to evaluate some conditions that could influence the daily use in non specialized units.

Study design, materials and methods

We used a simple poll to evaluate the knowledge and daily practical use of validated questionnaires for Overactive Bladder Syndrome (OAB), Pelvic organ prolapse (POP), urinary and faecal incontinence by 50 colleagues (Gynecologist and general practitioners non specialized in Pelvic floor dysfunction).

We asked them:

- 1-. Do you know any self-complemented questionnaire to evaluate OAB,POP, urinary or faecal incontinence? Yes
No
- 2-. If your answer to question 1 is Yes: Do you use it in your daily practice? Yes No
- 3-. If your answer to question 2 is No: Why don't you us it? A-.I Do not have time
B-.I Do not understand it
C-.I think it is not usefull
D-. Another cause

Results

We performed fifty polls (15 general practitioners, 35 general gynecologist)

43 aswer No to the first question (86%)

From the 7 (14%) who knew almost a questionnaires just 2 (4%) used it in the daily practice and 5 (10%) did not used it because of lack of time

Interpretation of results

Despite the utility an simplicity of the pelvic floor dysfunction self- contested questionnaires, they are unknown for the vast majority of non specialized colleagues, this condition limits their their use in the daily medical practice

Concluding message

There is a need for an educational campaing in order to make everybody aware about these usefull tools.

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