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Knowledge and Awareness of Cervical Cancer Screening among Women of Reproductive Age in Ikere Ekiti Local Government Area, Ekiti State, Nigeria

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Cervical cancer is a leading cause of cancer mortality in Nigeria. A study was conducted on the knowledge and awareness of cervical cancer screening among women of reproductive age in Ikere Local Government Area of Ekiti State. The study determined the sources of information on cervical cancer screening and how often they engaged in cervical cancer screening. The researchers generated three research questions and formulated three hypotheses to guide the study. The sample for the study was 220 respondents drawn from all the health facilities, churches, mosque and market places in Ikere Local Government area of Ekiti State. The instrument for the study was self structured questionnaire to elicit information on knowledge and awareness of the respondents on cervical cancer and cervical screening. The instrument was validated by experts and reliability coefficient using Pearson Product Moment Correlation coefficient was high enough and considered reliable for the study at 0.05 level of significance. The respondents had low knowledge about cervical cancer screening and all the health facilities in the areas do not carry out cervical screening. The risk factors for cervical cancer include age, religious factors, age factors, family type, parity among others.

Key words: knowledge, awareness, family type, parity, cervical cancer, Cervical cancer screening.