

In the present study, parents' socioeconomic status was found to be significantly associated with purchasing medicines over-the-counter medicines for colds and cough ($p=0.048$). Parents' occupational status was found to be associated with the attitude that over-the-counter medicines were safe for children ($p=0.017$), children can be given the same medicines for a particular illness as adults ($p=0.018$), alternatives for medicines that were suggested by pharmacists were safe if medications prescribed by the doctors were unavailable ($p=0.008$), and parental occupation was also associated with practice surrounding storage of liquid medicines ($p=0.003$).

Patient education is of paramount importance to spread awareness about medication usage. Health professionals need to be sensitized regarding the lack of knowledge and malpractices among parents which unwittingly may harm their children. This study has identified knowledge gaps and potentially harmful practices.

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