

Infrastructures to implement accreditation in Iran: The perspective of top management of the teaching hospitals of Tabriz and Ardabil University of Medical Sciences

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Abstract

Background and Objectives: For a successful accreditation program it is necessary to have adequate resources and infrastructures. The aim of this study was to evaluate existing resources and infrastructures to implement the accreditation system.

Material and Methods: This descriptive study was conducted in the universities of East Azerbaijan and Ardabil in 2011. Total 150 individuals were selected using census sampling. The data were collected by a structured questionnaire whose validity was confirmed by library validity method and its reliability was measured using split half method ($\alpha=89.4$). Data analysis was performed by using SPSS 16.

Results: The participation rate was 82% (123 individuals out of 150). Average work experience was 16.88 years. The bachelor degree had the highest frequency among participants (66%). 80% of the participants stated that the organizational culture and financial resources are inadequate, 54% expressed there is a lack of top management support and 77% of them stated that the expected information does not exist in hospitals. Yet 55% of the participants declared that the probability of successful implementation of accreditation is higher than average.

Conclusion: In a successful implementation of accreditation system it is important to mobilize adequate resources and develop suitable cultural statuses. Also it is needed to provide enough education about accreditation, how to implement and benefit the manpower's potential capabilities.

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