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ABSTRACT

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The study was conducted among selected hypertensive clients in the province of Cavite to determine the demographic profile of the respondents, to determine effectiveness of DASH diet. Specifically, to determine the level of compliance, the relationships of gender to level of compliance, and to determine the relationship between the effects of DASH diet to factors: gender, BMI and compliance of the hypertensive clients.

Thirty mild hypertensive who were residing in the province of Cavite were selected for the study. The subjects were not using any anti-hypertensive medication and ages 40-60 years. They were counseled about DASH and taught in using food exchange list and preparing a meal plan. The respondents were given standard measuring instrument (cup, tablespoon, and teaspoon) to uniform the unit of measurements.

Findings of the study revealed that there is a significant relationship between levels of compliance to gender. Among those highly complied were 60% of female with DASH compared to 26.66% of Male. Among those lowly complied were 60% of male compared with 33.33% of female.

Evidence suggests that there is no significant relationship between body mass index and effectiveness of DASH. There is no significant relationship between gender and effectiveness of DASH.

Among the factors, high level compliance dictates the result of effectiveness of DASH which was 69% percent effective to mild hypertension for client who were high compliant to DASH or compliance of 12-14 days.

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INTRODUCTION

When the blood pressure elevates from normal limit, it is called hypertension or high blood pressure. The force of the blood against the artery wall becomes too strong. The heart must work harder to pump against increased resistance. Hypertension is asymptomatic and a contributing factor to heart attack (Kozier et al, 2004). If the elevation of blood pressure rises permanently, it eventually damages the blood vessels throughout the body that may affect heart brain, kidney, and eyes. If it is untreated, it will progress to death.

In the Philippines, hypertension is a big problem. It is now one of the leading causes of morbidity, disability and mortality in the century. According to Department of Science and Technology Manila 2002(DOST), about 21% of total population of Filipinos is hypertensive. The Philippines is one of the highest rates of hypertension prevalence on the Southeast Asia. The Philippines Society of hypertension revealed that around 12.6