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## Awareness Level of Adolescent Girls Regarding HIV/AIDS (A Comparative Study of Rural and Urban Areas of Jammu)

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**ABSTRACT** The present study was undertaken to determine the knowledge level of adolescents towards HIV/AIDS. This study has been conducted on 400 adolescent girls (200 adolescent girls were taken from rural areas and 200 adolescent girls from urban areas of Jammu). Random sample technique was used to select the sample. For data collection, questionnaire was used in which there were questions regarding HIV/AIDS. Chi-square values reveal that there is a significant difference in the knowledge level of adolescent girls of urban and rural areas of Jammu, regarding these issues. But urban adolescent girls have comparatively better knowledge regarding these issues than rural adolescent girls. Adolescents need to be taught about these body functions since ignorance perpetuates myths and mis-belief. School teachers play a key role in bringing about this desirable change and socially acceptable approaches to sex education such as letter box approach may be used for providing scientific knowledge about sex and related issues.

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