

INFLUENCE OF EDUCATION ON THE RATE OF EARLY TERMINATION OF TREATMENT IN PATIENTS WITH NEWLY DIAGNOSED PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS

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Summary

It is recognized that 23% cases of early termination of treatment are due to poor patient' information. An educational system have helped to raise the level of knowledge up to 93% of versus 54% in the control group of patients which used to get information in traditional way. The use of educational system allowed to reduce the number treatment violations from 33.8 % in control grout to 12.2 % in study group, and to increase an effectiveness of in-patient treatment on 28.5 % (healing of destructive lesions) and 20.5 % (smear conversion).