



Perceptions and Attitude Towards PE and Treatment Seeking Behaviour: The Results of Scope (Sexual Concerns On Premature Ejaculation)

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Objective:

To identify the level of knowledge on PE and the treatment seeking behavior of population in a socio-economically diverse nation in Asia.

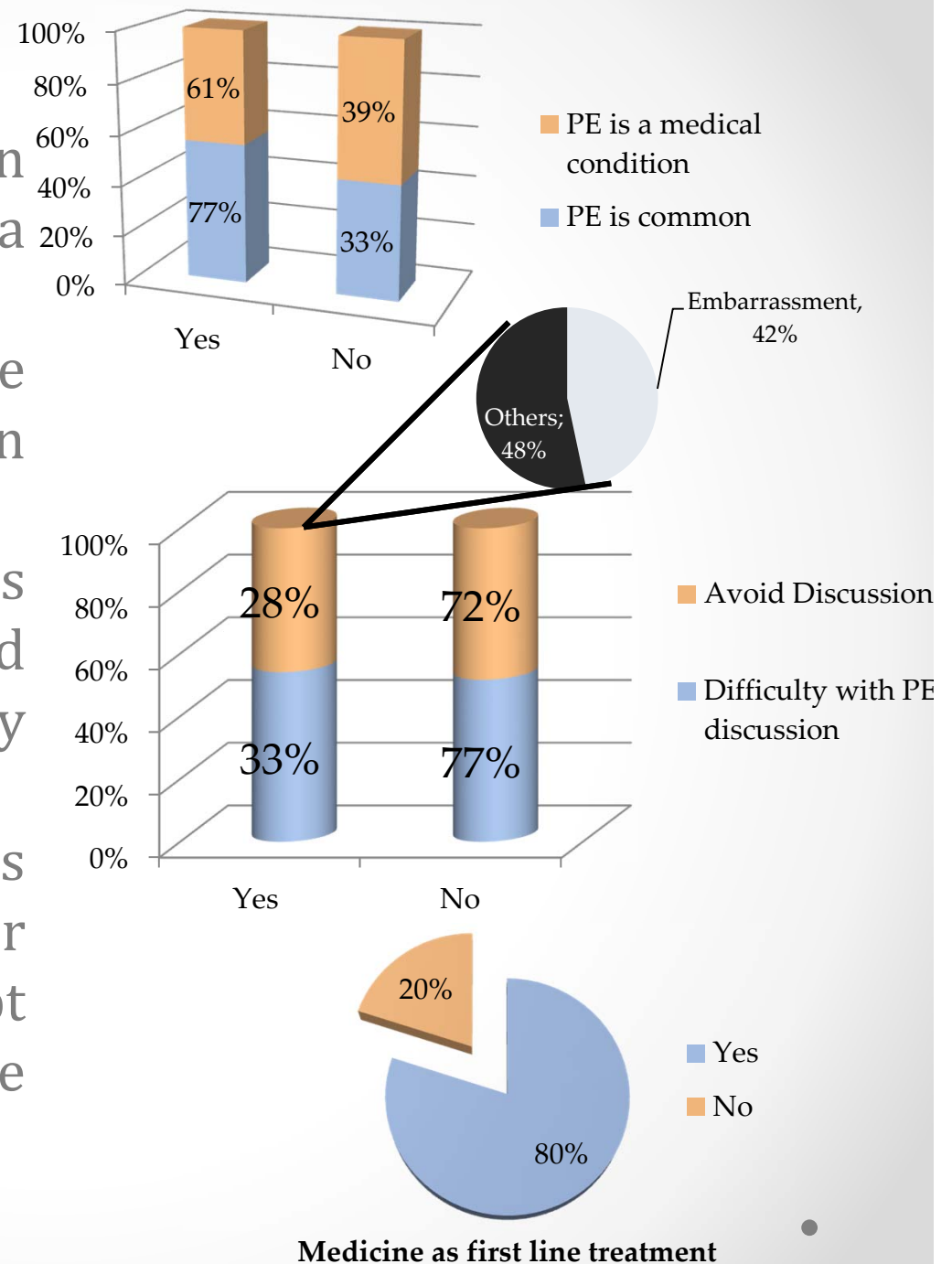
Methods:

Subjects from both urological and non-urological clinics are recruited to complete non-validated part questionnaires on their perception towards PE and the treatment modalities. The age, gender, income and economic backgrounds were identified.



Results:

- 77% believed PE is common and 61% consider it to be a medical condition.
- More than 80% of the respondents agree PE has a negative impact on life.
- 33% find it difficult to discuss issues of PE and 28% would avoid the discussion mainly due to embarrassment (42%).
- More than 90% would discuss the dysfunction with their doctors and 80% would accept medicine as the first line treatment.



Conclusion:

- Poor treatment seeking behavior may result as sexual dysfunction is a taboo subject in many Asian cultures.
- Although being aware that PE has a negative impact on life quality, many feel embarrassed and have difficulties discussing about PE.
- Sub-analysis of the population studied may ensure targeted patient education for clinicians.

