

## SURVEY OF KNOWLEDGE AND ATTITUDES OF HEAD NURSES REGARDING ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION

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Organ transplantation is the only therapeutic option for some diseases. The knowledge and attitudes of nurses regarding organ transplantation are vital for their proactive role in recruiting potential donors. Several factors may have a positive or negative influence on their attitudes, the most relevant of which are their religion, level of education and duration of employment. The aim of this study was to ascertain the level of knowledge and attitudes of head nurses regarding organ donation and transplantation, and to identify the factors with positive or negative impact. The majority of head nurses do not have sufficient knowledge about the Serbian Transplantation Law (77.8%). Another major factor which influenced attitudes of head nurses regarding organ donation was their religion (70.4%), and only 14.8% of head nurses agreed to be registered as potential organ donors.

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