Results

Wilkerson et al., 2014

The study focused on the implementation of education tools to help increase knowledge of STI prevention. The study found that there was a noticeable increase in knowledge of STI prevention.

Mijeong, 2016

The study found that there was a difference in sexual autonomy and STI knowledge. The participants showed that education was key to getting the information needed.

Discussion

Many of the studies conducted measured the importance of knowledge and intervention in combating the spread of STIs. However, few studies have been conducted to measure the impact of education intervention on HPV and other STIs.

Conclusion

To conclude, college aged young adults lacked the knowledge to make informed decisions when it comes to STIs. This fact was proven time and time again throughout the research. For example, the article written by Fontenot (2014) showed how male gender lacked knowledge on HPV vaccination so they couldn't make an informed decision about getting the vaccine. But through the literature, the results were found that education was key to getting the information out about STIs in the college community.

References


Wilkerson, E., Wilkerson, K., & Wilkerson, L. (2014). Multiple factors such as being openly gay and age influenced the rate of disclosure. Per Wilkerson et al., 2014 the occurrences of disclosing HIV status appeared higher for participants who were not tested for STIs than for participants who did not postively get tested yearly for STIs occurrence.

Significance

STIs present a significant health problem for not just individuals but local communities and globally. Healthcare professionals should continue to strive to deliver health promotion, education, and resources to all. Using educational materials and interventions, can increase young adults’ awareness and knowledge of STIs and prevention and their prevalence.

Additional Research Questions

1. What is the prevalence of STIs in college aged individuals who identify as LGBTQ?
2. What is the effect of education intervention on HPV and other STIs on males in college?