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The present study aims to gauge the current level of knowledge pertaining to the infodemic amongst healthcare workers, the impact of the infodemic on various aspects of their lives, and the means of countermeasures provided to them to combat the rising infodemic.

**Objectives:**

The objectives of the study include:

1. To determine the knowledge of doctors on infodemic in hospitals working in Bharati Vidyapeeth hospitals of Mumbai, Pune, and Sangli.
2. To determine the impact of the infodemic on doctors working in Bharati Vidyapeeth hospitals of Mumbai, Pune, and Sangli, and
3. To determine the coping strategies for infodemic on doctors working in Bharati Vidyapeeth hospitals of Mumbai, Pune and Sangli.

**HYPOTHESIS TO BE TESTED**

1. If the doctors working in Bharati Vidyapeeth hospitals of Mumbai, Pune, and Sangli have knowledge of the term infodemic and the aspects associated with it using a validated custom-made questionnaire.
2. Impact of infodemic on doctors working in Bharati Vidyapeeth hospitals of Mumbai, Pune, and Sangli using a custom – made validated questionnaire.
3. Do the doctors working in Bharati Vidyapeeth hospitals of Mumbai, Pune, and Sangli cope with the menace of infodemic by using various coping strategies?
4. The coping strategies the doctors used and whether they are they beneficial or not shall be tested using custom-made validated questionnaire.

**PRIMARY RESEARCH QUESTION-**

Are the doctors working in Bharati Vidyapeeth hospitals of Mumbai, Pune, and Sangli aware of the COVID-19 infodemic, its impact, and coping strategies?

**NULL HYPOTHESIS-**

The doctors working in Bharati Vidyapeeth hospitals of Mumbai, Pune, and Sangli are not aware of the COVID-19 infodemic, its impact, and coping strategies.

**ALTERNATE HYPOTHESIS-**

The doctors working in Bharati Vidyapeeth hospitals of Mumbai, Pune, and Sangli are aware of the COVID-19 infodemic, its impact, and coping strategies.