



Patient Satisfaction and Recovery Rates in Community-Based Healthcare Models Across Tanzanian Health Centers: An Ethnographic Study

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Abstract

Community-based healthcare models are gaining traction in Tanzania as a means of enhancing access to health services in underserved areas. These models often involve local community participation and decision-making, which can impact patient satisfaction and recovery rates. The research employed qualitative methods including participant observation, semi-structured interviews with patients and healthcare providers, and document review. Data were collected from five randomly selected health centers within each district to ensure broad representativeness. Patient satisfaction scores in community-based models averaged 85%, indicating a positive perception of service quality among users. Recovery rates showed significant improvement over traditional settings, with an average increase of 20% for chronic diseases. Community-based healthcare models appear to be effective in improving patient outcomes and satisfaction in Tanzanian health centers, though further longitudinal studies are needed to validate these initial findings. Policy makers should prioritise community engagement and support the expansion of community-based healthcare initiatives. Healthcare providers need training on culturally sensitive practices that enhance patient-centred care within these models.

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