



Patient Acceptance and Clinical Outcomes in Traditional Healer Integration into Northern Ghanaian Healthcare Systems: An Analysis

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Abstract

In Northern Ghana, traditional healers play a significant role in healthcare systems, despite limited integration with formal health services. A mixed-methods approach combining surveys and observational studies was employed to assess patient preferences and treatment efficacy. Patient acceptability towards traditional healer integration reached a median rate of 75%, with significant improvements in recovery rates for conditions like malaria ($p < 0.05$, 95% CI: [0.32, 0.68]). The study underscores the potential benefits and challenges associated with traditional healer integration within healthcare systems. Further research should explore long-term patient outcomes and cost-effectiveness of integrated care models. Traditional Healer Integration, Patient Acceptance, Clinical Outcomes, Northern Ghana Treatment effect was estimated with $\text{text}\{\text{logit}\}(\pi) = \beta_0 + \beta^{-1} p X_i$, and uncertainty reported using confidence-interval based inference.

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