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ABSTRACT

The study is about the awareness of body parts and their placement. It focuses on the identification of the parts, the labels and terms used and their placement. The respondents were from public schools both rural and urban. The researchers selected two age groups, children from 10-12 years of age and adolescence from 15-17 years of age. This includes an equal number of males and females. The respondents' awareness were evaluated by drawings they made from survey sheets handed out to them. In these survey sheets, the outline of the human body was pre-drawn and they were to draw all the internal and external organs and to label them with the terms they know of whether it be in Tagalog or English. From here tabulations were made and conclusions were made on their frequencies of scores. The analysis of results was done in three parts. Firstly, based on terminology, whether they prefer English or Tagalog terms. Secondly, based on the awareness of the parts, which parts of the body were identified and lastly the placement, whether the parts identified were correctly placed.

The researchers came up with the following findings. As to terminology, majority of the terms used for the parts of the male and female body are in English. Pusod and apdo are two Tagalog terms which are most often used instead of their English equivalents. Urban respondents tend to use English more often than their rural counterparts. As to awareness, the heart and the sex organ are most frequently identified.



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Males seem to know just as many, if not more, parts than females of both male and female bodies. Children are as aware as the adolescents except for the pubic hair, the nipples, and the parts of the reproductive system. As to placement, majority of the parts were correctly labeled and placed. Errors are usually in the placement of internal organs. Rural respondents produced a higher percentage than the urban respondents in correctly placing the parts. Males tend to correctly place the parts more when it comes to the male body. While the females tend to correctly place the parts more when it comes to the female body.

