

Knowledge and awareness of Plantar fasciitis in the Saudi Population: A cross-sectional study.

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Outlines:

- About Plantar Fasciitis.
- Methodology.
- Results and findings.
- Conclusion.



Plantar fasciitis

Definition:

Chronic heel pain caused by inflammation.

• Symptoms:

Heel pain starting after first step.



Risk factors	Treatment		
 Increasing in weight or obesity 	Stretching of the Achilles tendon		
 Walking barefoot 	 Rising the feet in ice water 		
 Prolong standing 	Specialized medical shoes		
Flat feet	Over the counter medication		

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Objective:

• Primary:

To evaluate and assess the knowledge of Saudi population about PF.

Secondary:

To measure the public awareness of PF, evaluation of its causes, symptoms, and management as perceived by the study population.

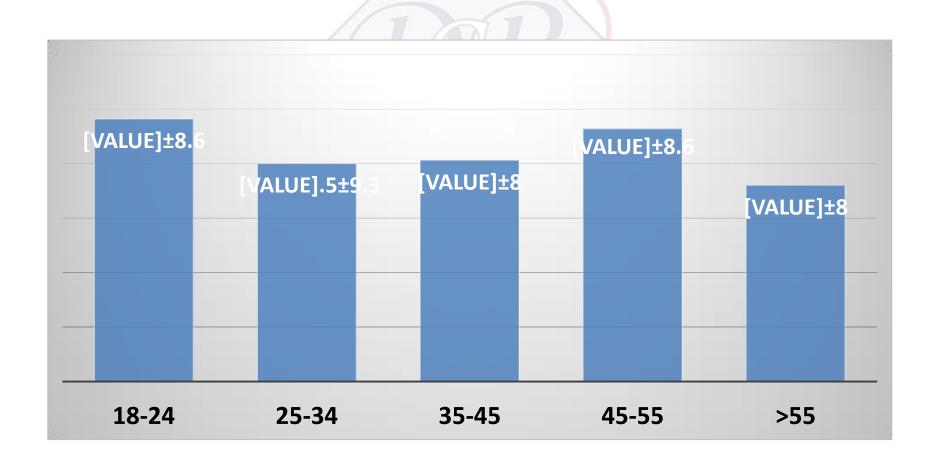
Methodology

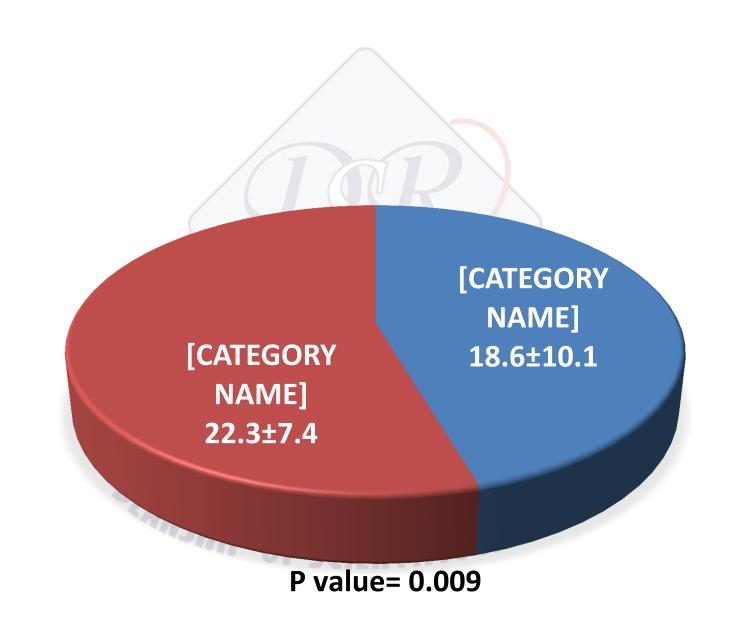
- 176 sample size.
- Randomly distributed.
- May to July 2017.
- Questionnaire:
- 1. Demographic 2. Knowledge 3. Pain
- · SPSS.

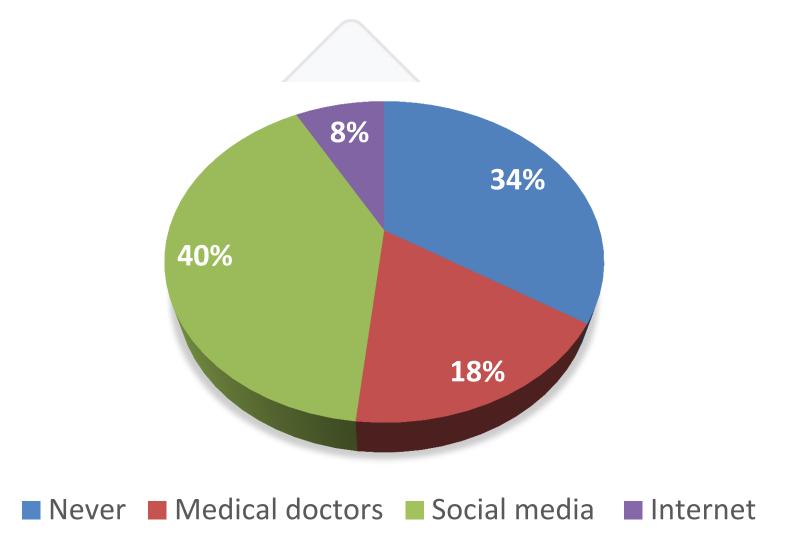
	Frequency	Percentage		
SEX				
Female	101	57.4		
Male	75	42.6		
AGE				
18-24 Years	43	24.4		
25-34 Years	45	25.6		
35-44 Years	41	23.3		
45-55 Years	34	19.3		
>55 Years	13	7.4		
EDUCATIONAL LEVEL				
Lower than High School	15	8.5		
High School Level	37	21		
University Degree	106	60.2		

	Yes	No	D.N.K	р
Prolonged Standing.	140 (79.5%)	19 (10.8%)	17 (9.7%)	<0.001
Overweight/ Obesity.	129 (73.3%)	29 (16.5%)	18 (10.2%)	<0.001
Pregnancy.	80 (45.4%)	56 (31.8%)	40 (22.7%)	0.001
Walking Barefoot.	92 (52.3%)	55 (31.3%)	29 (16.5%)	<0.001
Wearing High-heeled shoes.	120 (68.2%)	23(13.1)	33(18.8%)	<0.001
Lack of exercising.	58 (33%)	63 (35.8%)	55 (31.3%)	0.757
Flat-Feet.	89 (50.6%)	32 (18.2%)	55 (31.3%)	<0.001
Bearing/lifting	89 (50.6%)	32 (18.2%)	55 (31.3%)	<0.001

T	Yes	No	D.N.K	р
No need to Treat the Plantar Fasciitis	12 (6.8%)	130 (73.9%)	34 (19.3%)	<0.001
Elongation exercises	121 (68.8%)	15 (8.5%)	40 (22.7%)	<0.001
Rinsing the foot in iced water	100 (56.8%)	26 (14.8%)	50 (28.4%)	<0.001
Wearable Night time leg cast	54 (30.7%)	51 (29%)	71 (40%)	0.138
Specialized Medical Shoes	148 (84.1%)	5 (2.8%)	23 (13.1%)	<0.001
Surgical Intervention/Interference.	69 (39.2%)	41 (23.3%)	66 (37.5%)	0.018







Conclusion and recommendation

- More than 30% never heard about PF.
- 40% obtained their information from unreliable sources.
- More awareness and educational programs for better outreach to the general population.

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