

00202 An Exploratory Survey on Current Hospitalisation Experiences and Future Ideas on an Adolescent (Teenage) Only Ward

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Aims: The aim of this study is to explore adolescents' hospitalisation experiences in children wards and to seek their views on an adolescent only ward, using a self administered questionnaire. The findings will inform decision makers on the pros and cons in having an adolescent only ward and any identified gaps can be addressed to enhance adolescent patients' care.

Methodology: Prospective, descriptive study over a one-year period was done. Data was tabulated in Redcap and data analysis was used to interpret the data collected. A 10 minutes self-administered questionnaire(SAQ) was developed by the research team, the content validated by subject and research experts and piloted with 10 adolescents for reliability and validity. Inclusion criterial were English speaking adolescents aged 12 to 16 years old admitted to KK Women's & Children's Hospital. Purpose of the study was explained to the subjects and they were given a choice to do the questionnaires via online or printed hard copies. Online SAQ of the survey were accessed via web link or their mobile phone. For SAQ hard copies, once completed, were deposited in sealed boxes provided. Completed and returned questionnaires were considered as subjects giving implied consent

Result: A total of 209 adolescents responded to the self-administered questionnaire 55% of the adolescents supported adolescent only ward against 29%. More than one third (39.3%) of the the adolescents were the 12 to 13 yrs old. They may be too young to make informed decisions on their own.

Conclusion: The result of the survey did indicate that adolescents do support an adolescent only ward. A multi purpose room for inpatient adolescents was subsequently identified for the supervision of meals, activity therapy, tuition and relaxation with the data presented that adolescents do prefer to have a place for relaxation. Moving on, we would further recommend designated ward for our adolescents