

Patient-perceived Barriers to
Eye Care & Patient Knowledge
of Eye Care in Rural Odisha,
India



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Background



Aims & Methods

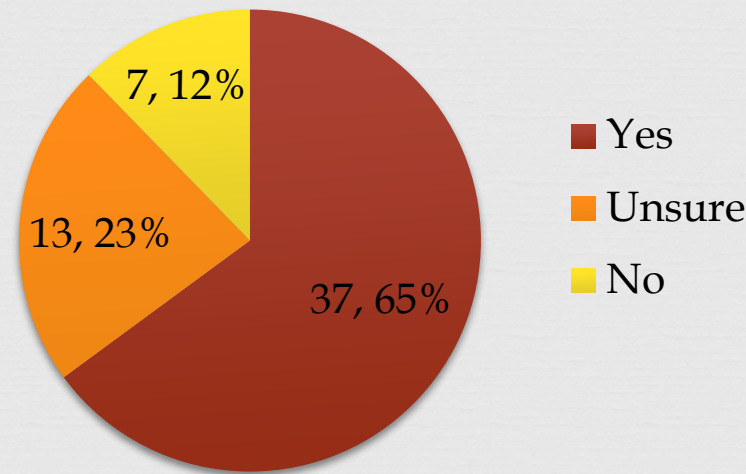


- ❧ Describe patient-perceived barriers to care
 - ❧ Describe patient demographics and socioeconomics
 - ❧ Assess knowledge of eye health and care practices
 - ❧ Investigate any relationship(s)
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- ❧ Survey via convenience sampling
 - ❧ Demographic information
 - ❧ Simple Poverty Scorecard®
 - ❧ Eye care background
 - ❧ Knowledge assessment
 - ❧ Community perceptions

Results: Barriers



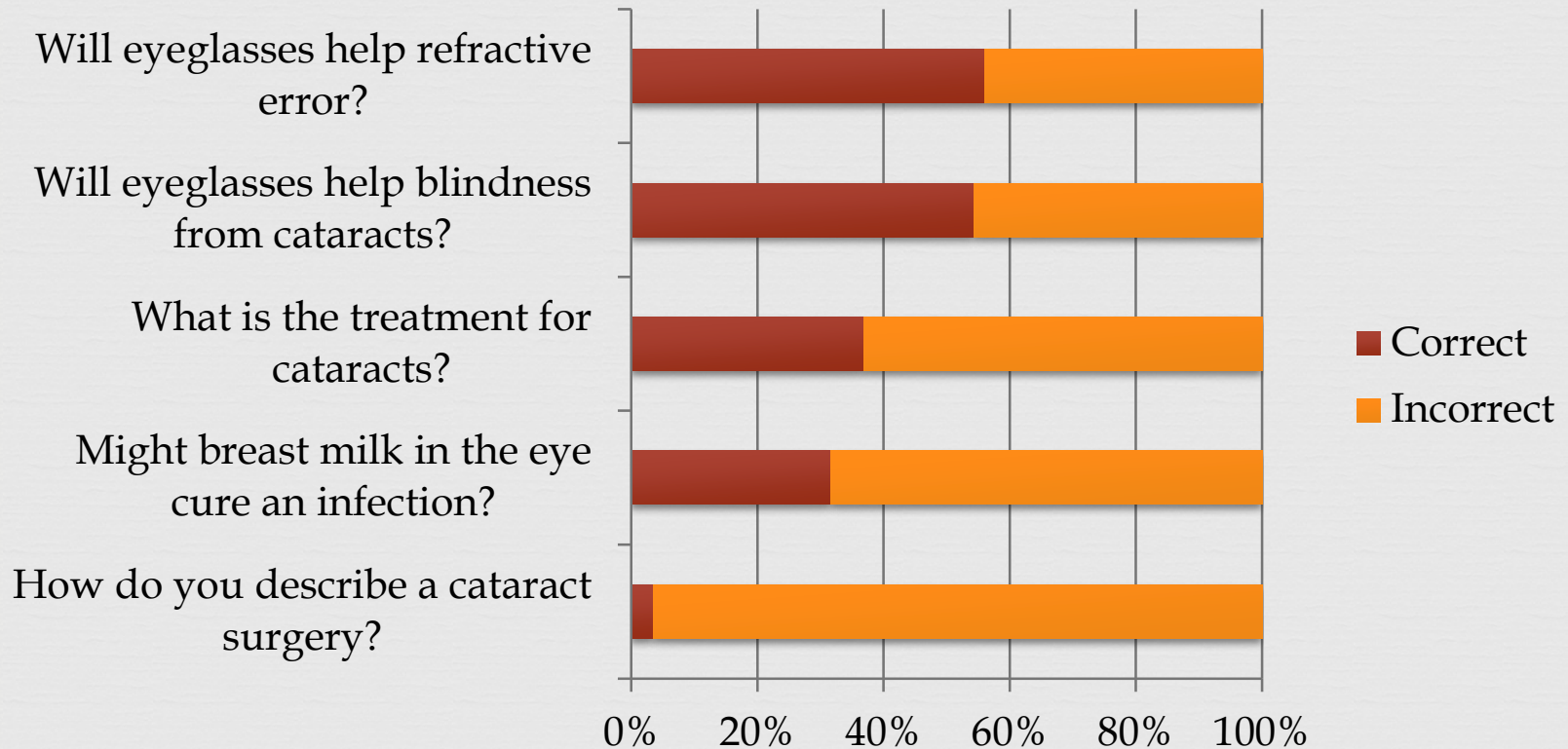
Are there people in your community who should come for eye care outreaches, but who haven't yet come?



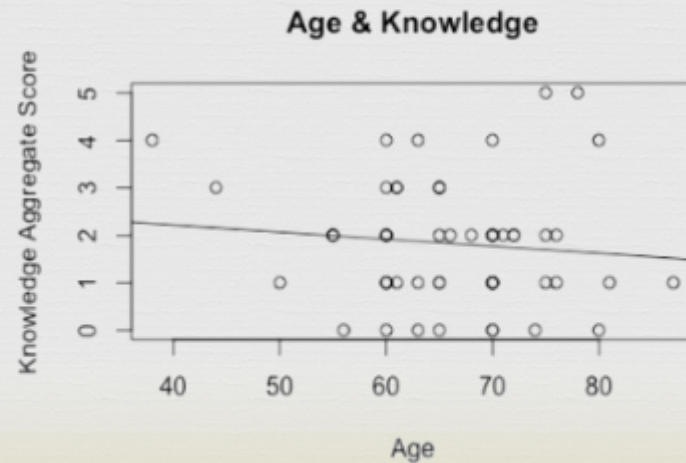
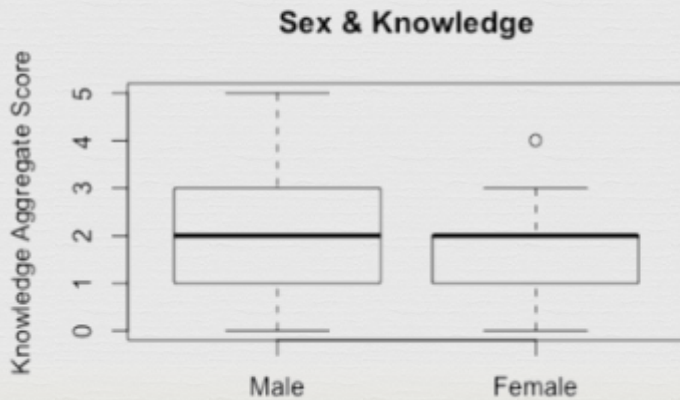
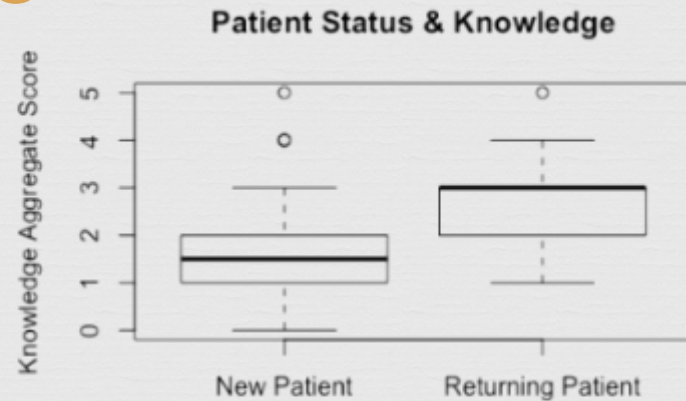
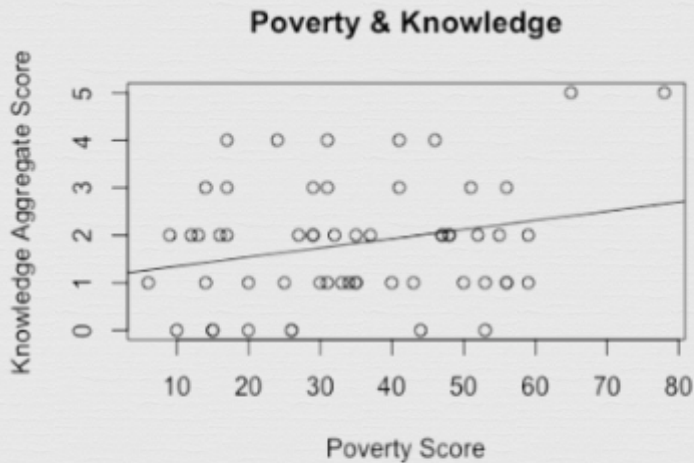
Top 3 reasons

- A lack of knowledge of the camp (46.7% of 'yes' responses)
- A lack of time due to the need to work (26.7%)
- A lack of money (6.67%)

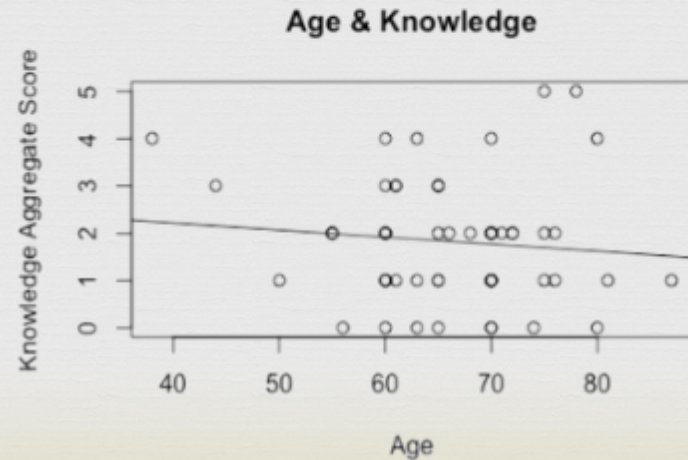
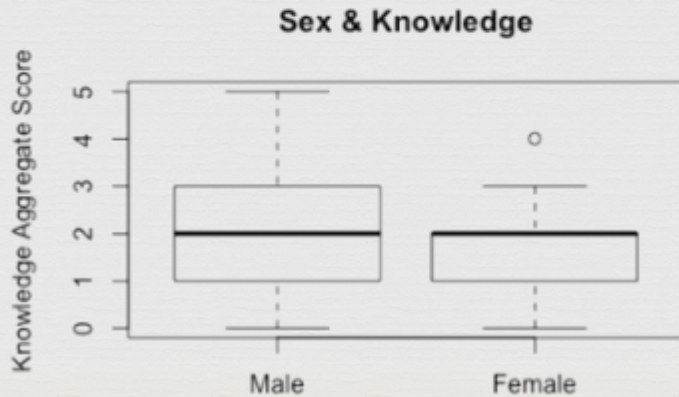
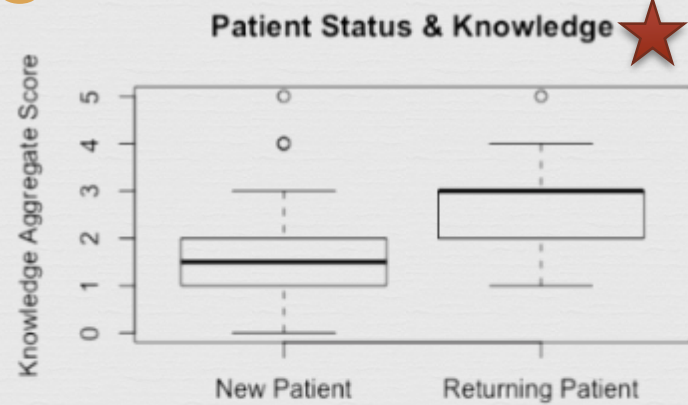
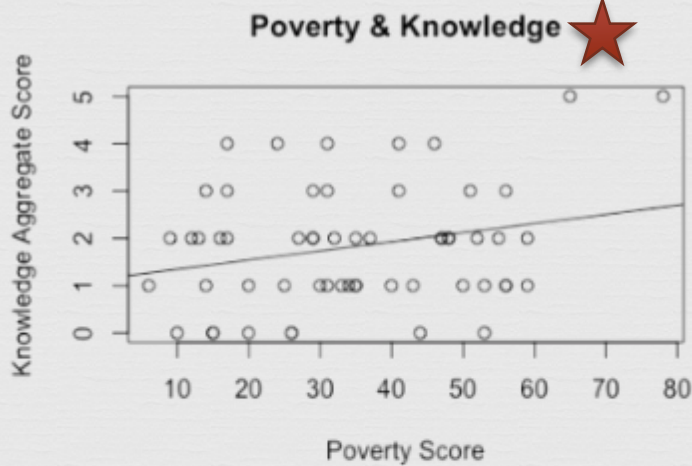
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- ❧ Efforts to increase outreach awareness, to educate at outreach, and to harmonize outreach schedules to patient work schedules in rural Indian regions are encouraged.

Wisdom



- ❧ “When the world is sick, can’t no one be well. But I dreamt we was all beautiful and strong.” – Thee Silver Mt. Zion Memorial Orchestra & Tra-La-La Band
- ❧ “The idea that some lives matter less is the root of all that is wrong with the world.” – Paul Famer
- ❧ “Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.” – Theodore Roosevelt
- ❧ “Vision is a mental picture of what could be, fueled by the conviction that it should be.” – Andy Stanley

Thank you

