

**A DESCRIPTIVE STUDY ON AWARENESS AND ACCEPTANCE OF OPTIONAL  
VACCINES AMONG THE MOTHERS ATTENDING THE IMMUNIZATION CLINIC,  
SREE AVITOM THIRUNAL HOSPITAL, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM 2003**

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**Abstract**

The present study was undertaken to assess the awareness, acceptance and the reasons for non acceptance of optional vaccines among the mothers attending the immunization clinic of Sree Avittom Thirunal Hospital, Thiruvananthapuram.

The present study was planned as a descriptive design and was spread over a period of two weeks from the last week of April to the first week of May 2007. We collected data by asking pre-structured questions.

Based on the responses, those mothers with score '0' were taken as poor awareness, between 1 and 4 as satisfactory, between 5 and 8 as good and between 9 and 12 as excellent. The result we obtained points mainly to the fact that among a good number of mothers, the level of awareness is still below satisfactory.