
Beta-thalassaemia major – a public health problem in Malaysia: impacts, coping strategies and needs of parents with affected children

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Background

Approximately 4% of Malaysians are carriers of β -thalassaemia. Malaysia has the highest prevalence of β -thalassaemia carriers in the world. The prevalence of β -thalassaemia carriers in Malaysia is 4%.

Materials and methods

In a cross-sectional study, 37 parents of children with β -thalassaemia major were interviewed. (21 Males; 7 Children; 9 Females)