

Acute Diarrhoea: Mothers' Knowledge of ORT and Its Usage in Ibadan Metropolis, Nigeria

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ABSTRACT This paper explores indigenous Nigerian perceptions of childhood diarrhoea and its treatment pattern among health care givers in Ibadan metropolis. Furthermore, the paper also addresses the cultural interpretations of dehydration and the perceptions of oral rehydration therapy (ORT). It is suggested that in promoting the use of ORT by the Nigerian government and other collaborative international agencies, the socio-cultural context of the people should be taken into consideration in designing appropriate intervention strategies.