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Survey of Over the Counter (OTC) Products for Relief of Gastrointestinal Problems

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Abstract: In today's fast-paced world, maintaining gastrointestinal health is crucial for overall well-being. Over-the-counter (OTC) products play a vital role in managing common gastrointestinal problems, offering accessible and effective solutions for individuals globally. This survey, conducted by final-year B. Pharmacy students at Vardhaman College of Pharmacy, aims to provide a comprehensive study of OTC products available for the relief of gastrointestinal issues, examining their efficacy, safety, and consumer considerations.

This descriptive study was conducted at medical stores in Magarulpir and Karanja (Lad), talukas in Washim district, Maharashtra, India. Data was collected from patients suffering from gastrointestinal problems such as acidity, indigestion, stomach pain, and constipation, who sought OTC products for relief. The survey form, designed in English and Marathi, included questions about the type of gastrointestinal problem, frequency of symptoms, OTC products used, dosage, relief experienced, and awareness of product ingredients.

Results indicated that the most common gastrointestinal problems were acidity and indigestion, with Gelusil syrup being the most frequently used OTC product. Other products included ENO, Jivan mixture, and Omee capsules. The survey revealed that middle-class individuals predominantly used these OTC products, with a significant lack of awareness about the contents and potential side effects.

The findings underscore the importance of OTC products for gastrointestinal relief due to their accessibility, convenience, and cost-effectiveness. However, the long-term use of these products without proper knowledge of their constituents and potential side effects poses a risk. Therefore, there is a need for increased consumer education and awareness to ensure the safe and effective use of OTC products for gastrointestinal health.

Keywords: gastrointestinal health

I. INTRODUCTION

In today's fast-paced world, maintaining gastrointestinal health is paramount for overall well-being. Over-the-counter (OTC) products play a pivotal role in managing common gastrointestinal problems, offering accessible and effective solutions for individuals globally. From alleviating heartburn to relieving indigestion, OTC products provide quick relief, empowering individuals to proactively manage their digestive health.

The importance of OTC products for gastrointestinal issues cannot be overstated. Unlike prescription medications, OTC remedies offer convenience, affordability, and ease of access, making them indispensable for individuals seeking immediate relief from symptoms such as acidity, bloating, and diarrhea. Moreover, OTC products often contain active ingredients backed by scientific research, ensuring efficacy and safety for consumers.(^{10,11})

The prevalence of gastrointestinal problems underscores the crucial role of OTC products in healthcare. According to recent studies, digestive disorders affect millions of people worldwide, ranging from occasional discomfort to chronic

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conditions. From stress-induced stomach aches to dietary-related issues, gastrointestinal ailments are ubiquitous in today's society, highlighting the need for accessible and reliable solutions.

Gastrointestinal problem refer to any issues or disorders that affect the digestive system, which is responsible for breaking down food, absorbing nutrients, and eliminating waste from the body. These problems including Indigestion, Acidity, Gas, Peptic Ulcers, Constipation, Diarrhea.⁽¹²⁾

Gastrointestinal problems afflict millions worldwide, ranging from mild discomfort to debilitating conditions that significantly impact quality of life. From indigestion and heartburn to diarrhea and constipation, these issues can arise from various factors including diet, stress, infections, and underlying medical conditions. Despite their prevalence, many individuals seek immediate relief from these symptoms, often turning to Over the Counter (OTC) products for prompt alleviation.

The availability and accessibility of OTC products offer a convenient solution for individuals experiencing gastrointestinal discomfort, allowing them to address symptoms quickly without the need for a prescription or medical consultation. These products encompass a wide range of formulations tailored to target specific gastrointestinal issues, providing relief through various mechanisms of action. (16 , 17)

The purpose of this servey is to provide a comprehensive study of OTC products available for the relief of gastrointestinal problems. By examining the efficacy, safety, and consumer considerations associated with these products,

COMMON GASTROINTESTINAL PROBLEMS (18,19,20)

1. Indigestion (Dyspepsia):

Indigestion, also known as dyspepsia, refers to discomfort or pain in the upper abdomen, often accompanied by bloating, belching, and nausea.

It can occur due to overeating, eating too quickly, consuming fatty or spicy foods, or experiencing stress.

Symptoms may include a feeling of fullness during or after a meal, burning sensation in the stomach or upper abdomen, and acidic taste in the mouth.

Treatment typically involves lifestyle changes, such as eating smaller meals, avoiding trigger foods, and managing stress. Antacids or other OTC medications may also provide relief.

2. Heartburn (Acid Reflux):

Heartburn, or acid reflux, occurs when stomach acid backs up into the esophagus, causing a burning sensation in the chest or throat.

It is commonly triggered by certain foods (e.g., citrus fruits, tomatoes, spicy foods), beverages (e.g., coffee, alcohol), or lifestyle factors (e.g., smoking, obesity).

Other symptoms may include regurgitation of food or sour liquid, difficulty swallowing, and a persistent cough.

Management strategies include avoiding trigger foods, eating smaller meals, raising the head of the bed, and taking antacids or other acid-reducing medications.

3. Diarrhea:

Diarrhea is characterized by frequent, loose, or watery stools and is often accompanied by abdominal cramps, bloating, and urgency to use the bathroom.

It can be caused by various factors, including viral or bacterial infections, food intolerances, medications, or underlying medical conditions (e.g., irritable bowel syndrome, inflammatory bowel disease).

Treatment involves staying hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids, avoiding foods that may worsen symptoms (e.g., high-fiber, greasy, or spicy foods), and using anti-diarrheal medications if necessary.

4. Constipation:

Constipation refers to infrequent bowel movements or difficulty passing stools, often associated with straining, bloating, and discomfort.

It can be caused by inadequate fiber intake, dehydration, lack of physical activity, certain medications, or underlying health conditions (e.g., hypothyroidism, irritable bowel syndrome).

Management typically involves increasing fiber intake through fruits, vegetables, and whole grains, staying hydrated, exercising regularly, and using laxatives or stool softeners if needed.

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These common gastrointestinal problems can vary in severity and duration, but they can often be managed effectively with lifestyle modifications, dietary changes, and over-the-counter medications tailored to specific symptoms.

IMPORTANCE OVER THE COUNTER (OTC) PRODUCTS FOR THE RELIEF OF GASTROINTESTINAL PROBLEMS (21'32)

- Accessibility: OTC products are readily available without a prescription, making them easily accessible to consumers. This accessibility is particularly important for individuals experiencing mild gastrointestinal symptoms who may not have immediate access to healthcare providers or prescription medications.
- **Convenience**: OTC products provide a convenient and immediate solution for individuals experiencing gastrointestinal discomfort. They allow individuals to address symptoms promptly without the need for a healthcare provider visit, saving time and hassle.
- **Cost-Effectiveness**: OTC products are generally more affordable than prescription medications, making them a cost-effective option for individuals seeking relief from common gastrointestinal issues. This affordability can help lower healthcare costs and improve access to treatment for individuals with limited financial resources.
- **Empowerment**: OTC products empower consumers to take control of their gastrointestinal health by providing them with a range of options for symptom relief and management. This empowerment allows individuals to make informed decisions about their healthcare and take proactive steps to address their symptoms.(²⁴)
- Variety of Options: OTC gastrointestinal products come in various formulations, strengths, and dosage forms, allowing individuals to choose the product that best suits their needs and preferences. This variety ensures that individuals have access to a diverse range of treatment options tailored to their specific symptoms and preferences.⁽²³⁾

OBJECTIVES

- Identification of the most commonly used OTC products for gastrointestinal relief.
- Mostly which Gastrointestinal problems facing by people .
- To check the awareness of gastric problems.

II. METHODOLOGY

I) SURVEY DESIGN

This descriptive study was performed by five students of B. Pharmacy final year from vardhaman college of pharmacy KoliKaranja Lad from DBATU Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar technological University lonere in 2024. Which is guide by the Dr. Bhanupratappatidar. This servey is conducted at medical stores which are located in MAGARULPIR AND KARANJA (LAD) ,Both are the taluka's in Washim district Maharashtra India.

The students were responsible for all data collection and also provided patient counseling (under supervision of a registered pharmacist). Before the start of the study, students attended an educational session about upper (GI) Gastrointestinal problems.

All patients gave written information on the survey form including the following questions.

- 1. Which gastrointestinal problem(s) are you experiencing ? From how long ?
- 2. How frequently do you experience gastrointestinal problem(s) ?Daily /weekly once / weekly twice or thrice/monthly once .
- 3. Which Over The Counter(OTC) product you have purchased to get relief from gastrointestinal problem(s) Relief?
- 4. How much dose you take? Quantity and frequency
- 5. How will you state the relief you got after taking dose of the OTC product you have purchased? (Time Being / Partial / Complete / One day / One week / One month).
- 6. How do you decide the dose ?

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- 7. Do you feel any side effect of the OTC product you are taking ?
- 8. Do you have any idea about ingredients in the OTC product you have taken

The question is designed in two languages one is English and other is Marathi because the places choose for the survey their people understand this language and give the proper correct answer of questions in servey form.

The question is included in like not need to write more answers in which some are chosen answer on the following options and some close ended or yes no type questions for patient/people convenience or save their time .

Because the peoples/patient did not give much time for to take the survey they are in bustling for their work .

II) SAMPLE SELECTION

Those patients which is sufer from GI Gastrointestinal problems like acidity, Indigestion, stomach pain, constipation, diarrhoea

Patient comes to on medical stores for purchasing the OTC products for it's Gastrointestinal problems the student gave the survey form to the patient for writing the

Question's answers which patient are illiterate the student asking the question to patient and asking the answer and students write his/her answer on servey form.

To prevent gastrointestinal problems, consider these measures:

- Eat a balanced diet rich in fiber, fruits, and vegetables.
- Stay hydrated by drinking enough water throughout the day.
- Limit intake of processed foods, fatty foods, and sugary drinks.
- Chew food slowly and thoroughly.
- Practice portion control to avoid overeating.
- Maintain a healthy weight through regular exercise.
- Manage stress through relaxation techniques or activities.
- Avoid smoking and limit alcohol consumption.
- Practice good hygiene, especially before eating and preparing food.
- Follow food safety guidelines to prevent foodborne illnesses.

GASTROINTESTINAL PROBLEMS WHICH IS INCLUDED IN SURVEY (26'27'28) ACIDITY:-

Acidity, commonly known as acid reflux or heartburn, occurs when the stomach acid flows back into the esophagus, causing a burning sensation in the chest or throat. This condition is often triggered by factors such as certain foods, overeating, obesity, smoking, or pregnancy.

Symptoms of acidity may include:

- Burning sensation in the chest or throat
- Regurgitation of food or sour liquid
- Difficulty swallowing
- Persistent cough
- Hoarseness or sore throat

To alleviate acidity, various OTC products are available, including antacids like Gelusil syrup, which work by neutralizing stomach acid and providing relief from symptoms. Additionally, medications like proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) and H2-receptor antagonists (H2 blockers) are available in capsule or tablet form (e.g., Omee capsule), which reduce the production of stomach acid, providing longer-term relief for chronic acidity.

It's essential to manage acidity promptly to prevent complications such as esophagitis, ulcers, or Barrett's esophagus. Lifestyle modifications, such as avoiding trigger foods, eating smaller meals, and maintaining a healthy weight, can complement the use of OTC medications in managing acidity effectively. However, individuals experiencing frequent or severe symptoms should consult a healthcare professional for proper diagnosis and treatment.

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INDIGESTION:-

Indigestion, also known as dyspepsia, refers to discomfort or pain in the upper abdomen often associated with difficulty in digesting food. It can manifest as bloating, belching, nausea, and a feeling of fullness during or after meals. Indigestion can occur due to various factors, including overeating, eating too quickly, consuming fatty or spicy foods, stress, smoking, or certain medications.

Symptoms of indigestion may include

- Feeling full quickly during a meal
- Discomfort or pain in the upper abdomen
- Bloating or gas
- Nausea or vomiting
- Acidic taste or belching

OTC products like antacids (e.g., Gelusil syrup), which neutralize stomach acid, and digestive aids (e.g., Jivan mixture), which promote proper digestion, can provide relief from indigestion symptoms. These products may contain ingredients like calcium carbonate, magnesium hydroxide, or simethicone, which help alleviate discomfort by easing gas and bloating.

In addition to OTC medications, lifestyle modifications such as eating smaller, more frequent meals, avoiding trigger foods, reducing stress, and maintaining a healthy weight can help prevent and manage indigestion. However, persistent or severe symptoms should prompt consultation with a healthcare professional to rule out underlying conditions and determine the most appropriate course of treatment.

BITTER WATER IN MOUTH

The sensation of bitter water in the mouth, also known as bitter taste or bitter mouth, can be a distressing symptom often associated with various underlying health issues, particularly those affecting the gastrointestinal system. This sensation can occur due to several factors, including:

Acid reflux: When stomach acid flows back into the esophagus, it can reach the mouth, causing a bitter or sour taste.

GERD (Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease): Chronic acid reflux can lead to GERD, characterized by frequent heartburn, regurgitation, and bitter taste in the mouth.

If the sensation of bitter water in the mouth persists or is accompanied by other concerning symptoms, it's important to consult a healthcare professional for proper evaluation and treatment. Identifying and addressing the underlying cause is key to effectively managing this symptom and restoring oral comfort.

STOMACH PAIN :-

Stomach pain can be caused by various factors such as indigestion, gas, gastritis, ulcers, or even more serious conditions like appendicitis or pancreatitis. The severity and location of the pain, along with accompanying symptoms, can help determine the cause. It's always best to consult with a healthcare professional for a proper diagnosis and treatment plan.

BURNING SENSATION IN STOMACH:-

A flame-like sensation in the stomach could be indicative of several conditions. One possibility is acid reflux, where stomach acid flows back into the esophagus, causing a burning sensation. This can be triggered by certain foods, alcohol, caffeine, or being overweight. Another possibility is gastritis, which is inflammation of the stomach lining, often caused by excessive alcohol consumption, certain medications, or bacterial infections like H. pylori. Peptic ulcers, which are sores in the lining of the stomach or duodenum, can also cause a burning sensation. Other potential causes include gallstones, pancreatitis, or even stress. It's important to see a healthcare professional for proper diagnosis and treatment. They may recommend lifestyle changes, medication, or further tests depending on the underlying cause.

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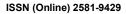


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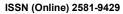
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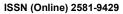
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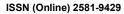
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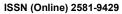
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By analysing the survey form which is given by the patient or people which is sufer from Gastrointestinal problems the following information are fill in the table NO.1.

TABLE 1 :							
Sr.no.	Gastrointestinal	Treatment	FORM REFERENCE				
	problems		NO.				
1.	Stomach Pain	Gelusil syrup	Reference no.1				
2.	Acidity	Jivan mixture	Reference no.2				
3.	Acidity/Bitter water	ENO/Omee capsule	Reference no.3				
4.	Acidity	Omee capsule/Gelusil syrup	Reference no.4				
5.	Acidity	Gelusil syrup	Reference no.5				
6.	Acidity	ENO	Reference no.6				
7.	Indigestion/sensetion like	Gelusil syrup	Reference no.7				
	Flame in stomach						
8.	Indigestion	Gelusil syrup	Reference no.8				

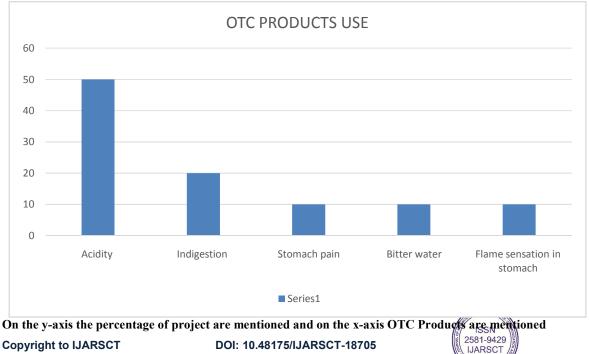
OBSERVATION

On the observation of survey form mostly people have acidity problem and the indigetion Problem .(2'3'34'5'6'8)

In this survey including all the age group people but by observing the servey form the patient have age above 40 year mostly suffering the gastrointestinal problems. $(1^{223,8})$

And , the people who have age above 20 years which is also suffering from the Gastrointestinal problems. $(^{7,6,4,5})$ On the observation the Gelusil syrup is mostly used by the people in Gastrointestinal problems like acidity, indigetion, inflammation in stomach, stomach pain than other Products. $(^{1,4,5,7,8})$

By observing the servey form the graph are plotted on the uses of OTC PRODUCTS in which the Gelusil syrup is widely used by the people for Gastrointestinal problems and the ENO, JIVAN MIXTURE AND OMEE CAPSULE is also used for gastric problems.



GRAPH NO. 1

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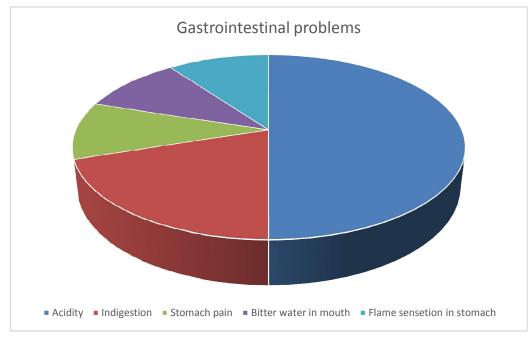
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On the observation the most of the people have acidity and indigetion problem for showing this the pie chart is plotted $\binom{2^{2}3\cdot4\cdot5\cdot6\cdot7\cdot8}{2^{2}}$

PIE CHART 1



On the survey middle class people mostly used the OTC PRODUCTS.

Most of the people they are not know the information about the content or constitutes in the product use.

On the survey people not might be causes the side effects or any other adverse effects.

In the survey, it was found that middle-class individuals predominantly utilized over-the-counter (OTC) products. However, many of these individuals lacked awareness regarding the contents or constituents of the products they used. Additionally, the survey indicated that people might not be fully aware of the potential side effects or adverse reactions associated with these products.

SR No.	PRODUCT	Use for by patient/people	% Products use
1.	Gelusil syrup	Acidity stomach pain , acidity,	50 % people
		inflammation in stomach, indigetion.	
2.	ENO	Acidity, bitter water in mouth	20 % people
3.	Jivan mixture	Acidity	10 % people
4.	Omee capsule	Acidity	10% people
5.	Other	Gastrointestinal problems	10 % people

RESULT

Acidity ,stomach pain , acidity, inflammation in stomach , indigetion , bitter water in mouth we found this Gastrointestinal problems on taking servey .

in the survey we found most of the people suffer from acidity problem and also indigetion problem.

For that the people use the Gelusil syrup ,ENO,Jivanmixture,Omee capsule the dose of that product which is decided to asking the pharmacist .The people not getting any side effects of that product but it is habit forming when use regularly

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