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“ADHERENCE TO LIFESTYLE MODIFICATION AMONG THE POST-PERCUTANEOUS TRANSLUMINAL CORONARY ANGIOPLASTY PATIENTS IN CARDIOLOGY OPD OF A SELECTED HOSPITAL IN KOLKATA”

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Abstract

Background: The prevalence of coronary artery disease is increasing every year in India. As the prevalence of coronary artery disease is increasing, the number of PTCA is also increasing every year. Lifelong adherence to medication and lifestyle modification is required to prevent major adverse effects after PTCA. The purpose of the study was to assess the adherence to lifestyle modification among post-PTCA patients of a selected hospital, Kolkata.

Methods: A total of 100 post-PTCA patients attending Cardiology OPD of a tertiary care hospital, Kolkata were surveyed using the purposive sampling technique. Data were collected by using the demographic proforma and structured interview schedule for adherence to lifestyle modification. All the tools were tested for validity and reliability.

Results: A Majority (61%) of the patients were medium adherent to lifestyle modification and 35% and 4% of patients were high adherent and low adherent to lifestyle modification respectively. Adherence to lifestyle modification was significantly associated with education, occupation and monthly per-capita income.

Conclusion: To improve health outcomes, in post-PTCA patients, early detection of patients with poor adherence to lifestyle modification and motivational education programmes to improve adherence is important.

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Introduction:-

Coronary artery disease (CAD) is a major cause of morbidity and mortality throughout the world including India. The annual number of deaths from cardiovascular disease is increased from 2.26 million (1990) to 4.477 million (2020)¹. Coronary artery disease prevalence in India has been estimated over the past several years and has ranged from 1% to 13.2% in urban populations and 1.6% to 7.4% in rural populations¹. Obesity, hypertension, diabetes, hyper-cholesterolemia and smoking are the major risk factors for CAD.

In India, mortality due to cardiovascular disease (CVD) is higher than in the countries with high and middle income, despite having lower risk factors among younger group². The high-income countries have controlled their mortality by better control over the risk factors and frequent use of proven pharmacologic therapy and revascularization². Evidence-based medical therapies and comprehensive management of risk factors through lifestyle modification (e.g., smoking cessation, weight control, physical activity, low salt diet, drinking moderation) are essential for the

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prevention of recurrent cardiovascular events and the improvement of survival³. Jenna Bet al⁴ reported that just 8% of smokers had quit smoking and only 46% of patients exercise regularly, 13% received dietary counseling and 75% of patients were overweight at 13 months after PCI. Poor adherence to lifestyle recommendations leads to poor control of the condition reduces the effectiveness of treatment and increases the risk of cardiovascular events, hospitalization leads to relapses, complications or even death⁵.

Lifestyle modifications are important for the patient with CAD who has undergone PTCA. Many studies revealed that lifestyle modification has a significant impact on the major cardiac events after PTCA. Regular checking of blood pressure and blood glucose is also an important part of lifestyle modification⁶.

As the number of cardiovascular diseases is increasing day by day, the number of PTCA is increasing in private hospitals as well as government hospitals. But in India, there is a very limited study for assessing the patients' adherence with lifestyle modification which is most important. The attitude towards adherence to lifestyle modification may differ among patients with different demographic characteristics. The investigators have seen in their clinical experience that many patients come to the hospital after PTCA with fatal or non-fatal cardiac events.

Automatically, the question came to mind whether they were following the instructions of the healthcare provider or not? So, the study was chosen and objectives of the study are-

1. To assess the adherence to lifestyle modification among the post-PTCA patients.
2. To find out association between lifestyle modification adherence with selected demographic variables.

Patients&Methods:-

Descriptive survey research approach was selected for the study. Following institutional ethics committee approval, total 100 patients who has undergone PTCA more than one month, aged >18 to <70 years and who were willing to participate in this study with written consent were selected for study. Data were collected during 2nd January 2021 to 31st January 2021. The study was conducted at Cardiology OPD of a selected tertiary care centre and physical distancing maintained and mask used during data collection. The study procedure was explained and informed consent was taken from the subjects at the time of selection. Purposive sampling technique was used to select subjects, excluding patients for 1st follow up visit, post PTCA patients with unfavorable short-term prognosis such as cancer patients or patients with CKD & cardiomyopathy, patients with diagnosed psychiatric disorder.

In this study lifestyle modification means altering long-term habits and maintaining healthy lifestyle practices to reduce the chance of major cardiac events after PTCA such as maintain healthy food habits, avoidance of addiction, performing the exercise, periodic health check-up and stress management which are recommended by the health care provider. To assess the lifestyle adherence structured four-point Likert scale was prepared and it consists of 23 questions and is also sub-divided into five parts. Part A consists of 10 items for healthy food habits practice of the study sample. Part B consists of 3 items to assess the participants' behavior for the avoidance of addiction. Part C consists of 2 items for the assessment of exercise practice. Part D consists of 3 items for assessment of periodic health checkup practice and part E consists of 5 items for assessment of stress. Scoring was: Daily=4, frequently=3, rarely=2, Never=1 for positive stated practice (for Item no: 1 to 3). Daily=1, frequently=2, rarely=3, Never=4 for negative stated practice (for Item: 4 to 13). Always=4, Sometimes=3, Rarely=3, Never=1 for positive stated practice (for Item: 14 to 23). <60%=low adherence, 60%-79%=Medium adherence, ≥80%= High adherence. Sociodemographic variable includes Age, gender, Marital status, Religion, Type of family, Type of habitat, educational status, Occupation, Monthly family, Dietary pattern, Presence of comorbidity, family history of CAD, Duration since PTCA etc. Validity & reliability of the interview questionnaire was calculated by validation of its construction & content by two cardiologist, one statistician and five nurses from Medical Surgical Nursing field. Content validity index was 0.88 for lifestyle adherence Likert scale & 0.94 for sociodemographic variable. Reliability of lifestyle adherence likert scale was computed by Chronbach alpha and it was .86 and for sociodemographic variable it was 1. The original English version of interview schedule was translated into Bengali and back translated into English by two independent language experts and there was no significant difference found. Time taken for data collection for each participant was 25-30 mins. Data were planned to be analyzed by using both descriptive and inferential statistics. Frequency and percentage distribution are computed for describing the socio-demographic characteristics and assessing adherence to lifestyle modification. Graphical presentation was done for lifestyle adherence. Chi-square test is computed to find out the association between lifestyle modification adherence and selected demographic variables. Statistical descriptions and test above were performed using SPSS version 20 and P value of less than 0.05 was considered significant.

Results:-

Table -1 depicts that the maximum of post-PTCA patients (44%) are under the age group of 51-60 years and most (86%) of patients are of male and eighty nine percent of the patients are also married. A majority (75%) of patients are from the Hindu religion and a majority (67%) of the patients are from nuclear family and maximum (57%) of patients live in rural areas. Fifty four percent subjects are educated up to secondary level and maximum patients (38%) are self-employed. Maximum (49%) patients' per capita family income per month is less than Rs. 2000. Among all the patients, Majority (66%) patients are hypertensive and 2% of patients have comorbidity like Hypothyroidism and Parkinson's disease. It was found that the maximum (41%) number of patients were within 1-3 years of intervention. Fig-1 depicts that the majority (61%) patients' have medium adherence to lifestyle modification. Fig-2 depicts that the highest (89.5%) mean percentage score in avoidance of addiction and lowest (49.50%) mean percentage score is obtained in the practice of exercise. Figure-3A revealed that 54% of patients consume green leafy vegetables, and only 10% consume fresh fruit, and 47% never consume excess oil. Figure 3B depicting that 68% never consume extra salt in their diet. Figure-4 depicting that among the total patients and 64%, never smoke. Figure-5 depicting that only 35% of patients always walk 30 min/day at least 5 days a week and Figure-6 reflecting that 32% PTCA patient always check monthly blood pressure. Figure-7 depicting that only 6% patients practice meditation and 51% always sleep 6 to 8hrs per day. Table-2 reveals that there is a significant association between lifestyle modification adherence with educational status, occupation and monthly per capita income of post PTCA patients.

Discussion:-

It is observed from the findings of the present study that 35% of post-PTCA patients' have high adherence to lifestyle modification, 61% have medium adherence and 4% have low adherence to lifestyle modifications (Fig-1). In this study, it is also found that 54% of patients consume green leafy vegetables daily and 10% of patients daily consume fresh fruits, 80% were non-eaters of butter or ghee, 59% were non-consumers of red meat (Fig-3B). This study supported by the study which was conducted by SheiliniM et al⁷ that 59.4% were following overall lifestyle practices, 67.5% and 17.1% reported eating vegetables and fruits every day and 95.5% were non-consumers of deep-fried food or snacks and 71.4% were non-eaters of meat high in fat. In the present study, it was observed that 93% are non-consumers of alcohol and 14% practice yoga or exercise (Fig-5). This finding is also supported by the study of SheiliniM et al⁷ that 94.8% were non-consumers of alcohol and 24.9% and 8.3% of patients practice exercise and yoga. Study findings of Elbur Al⁸ also supported the findings of present the study that 20.1% of hypertensive patients practice regular exercise.

In this study, it is also found that adherence to lifestyle modification significantly associated with occupation, monthly per capita family income and educational level of the patients. This study is also supported by the study which was conducted by Buda ES et al⁹ that lifestyle modification was significantly associated with educational status and monthly income for hypertensive patients. This is a natural phenomenon that educated people can better change their lifestyle for prevention of diseases.

The study implication is that nurses are in the key position to counsel their patients to consume heart-healthy diet, engage in structured exercise, quit smoking and avoid psychological stressors.

This study assessed all aspect of lifestyle modification adherence still it has limitations. Firstly, the study assessed adherence to lifestyle modification as reported by patients only, data not taken from any secondary source. So, the report may be biased. Secondly, the sampling technique is purposive sampling technique which may reduce the generalizability of the findings. Thirdly, this study was conducted in only one government hospital which may reduce the generalizability of the findings. Lastly, due to time constraints only once data has been collected but it would be better if a longitudinal study can be done.

Conclusion:-

Lifestyle modification adherence remains suboptimal as the majority of the post PTCA patients are moderately adherent to lifestyle modification. The majority of patients have healthy food habits, they avoid addiction and few patients only practice exercise. So, counselling regarding healthy lifestyle practice is very much important during each follow-up visit to prevent post-PTCA complications.

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Tables & Figures:**Table1:-** Characteristics of the post PTCA patients.

n=100.

| Sl.no | Demographic variables | Frequency | Percentage (%) |
|-------|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Age 31-40 years 41-50 years 51-60 years 61-70 years | 13 18 44 25 | 13 18 44 25 |
| 2 | Gender Male Female | 86 14 | 86 14 |
| 3 | Marital status Married Unmarried Widow | 89 2 9 | 89 2 11 |
| 4 | Religion Hindu Muslim Christian | 75 22 3 | 75 22 3 |
| 5 | Type of family Nuclear Joint | 67 33 | 67 33 |
| 6 | Type of habitat Urban Rural | 43 57 | 43 57 |
| 7 | Educational status Illiterate Primary Secondary H.S and above | 19 22 54 15 | 19 22 54 15 |
| 8 | Occupation Service Self employed Labour Other | 15 38 23 24 | 15 38 23 24 |
| 9 | Presence of comorbidity* Hypertension Diabetes mellitus Hyperlipidaemia Others | 66 32 30 02 | 66 32 30 02 |
| 10 | Duration since PTCA Less than 1 year 1-3 years 3-5 years More than 5 years | 18 41 22 19 | 18 41 22 19 |

N.B. * Data is mutually exhaustive but not mutually exclusive

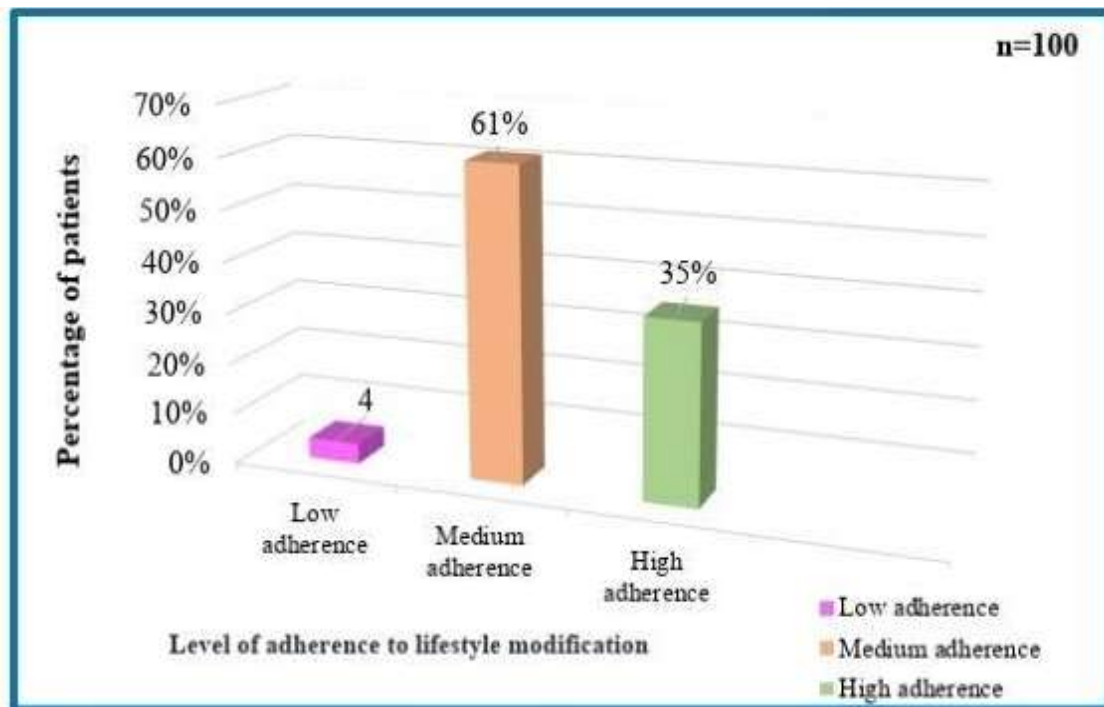


Fig 1: Bar diagram showing the level of lifestyle modification adherence among Post PTCA patients.

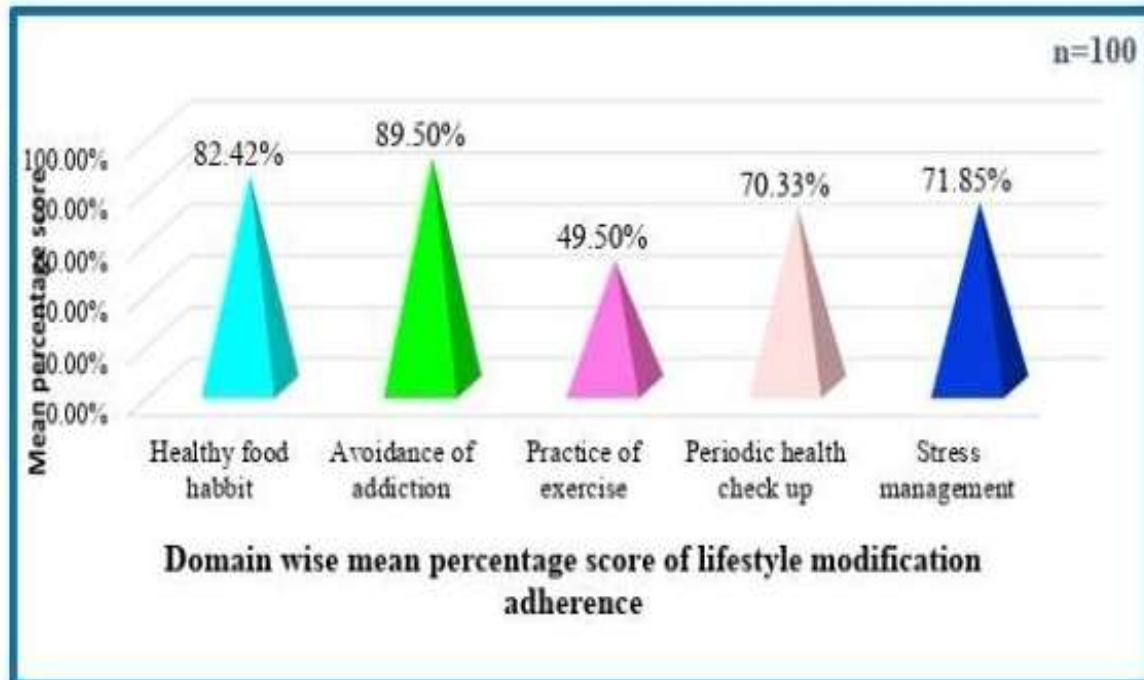


Fig 2: Pyramid diagram showing domain wise mean percentage score of lifestyle modification adherence among post PTCA patients.

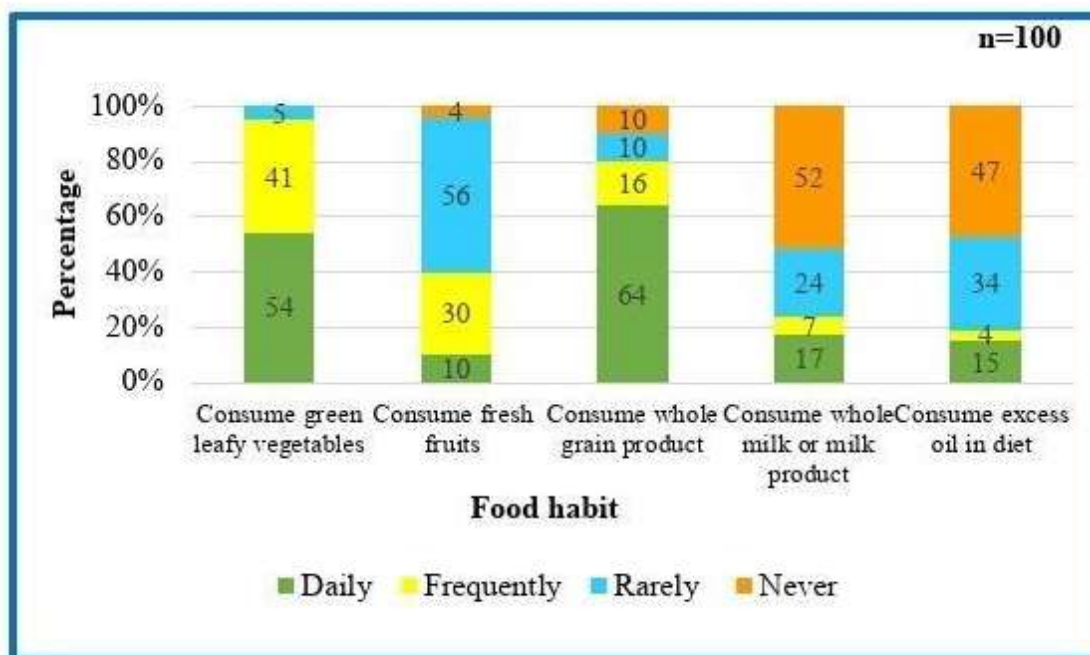


Fig 3A: Composite bar diagram showing the percentage distribution of food habit among post PTCA patients.

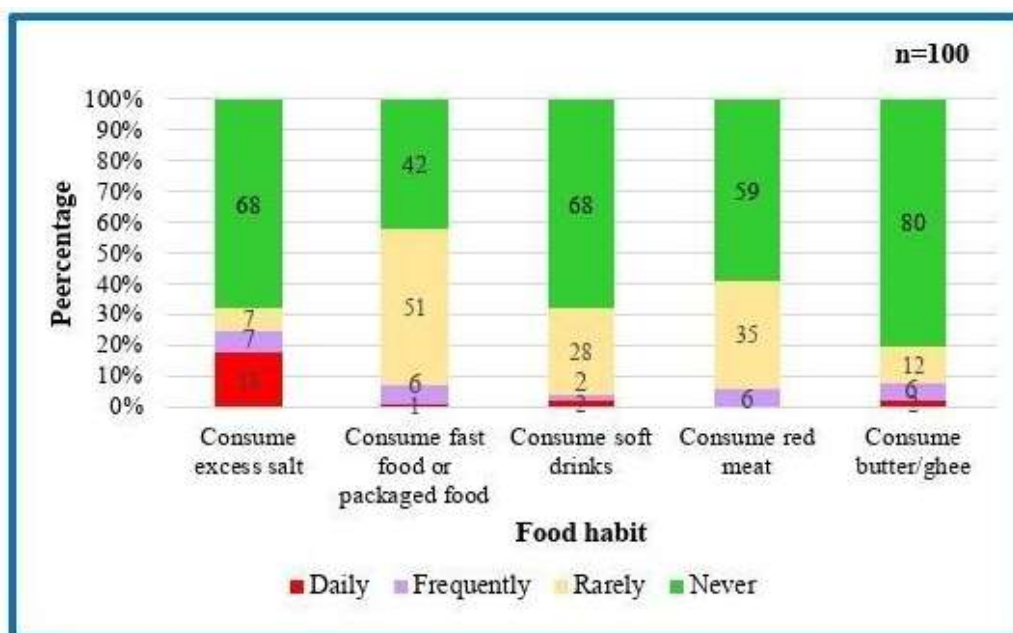


Fig 3B: Composite bar diagram showing the percentage distribution of food habit among post PTCA patients.

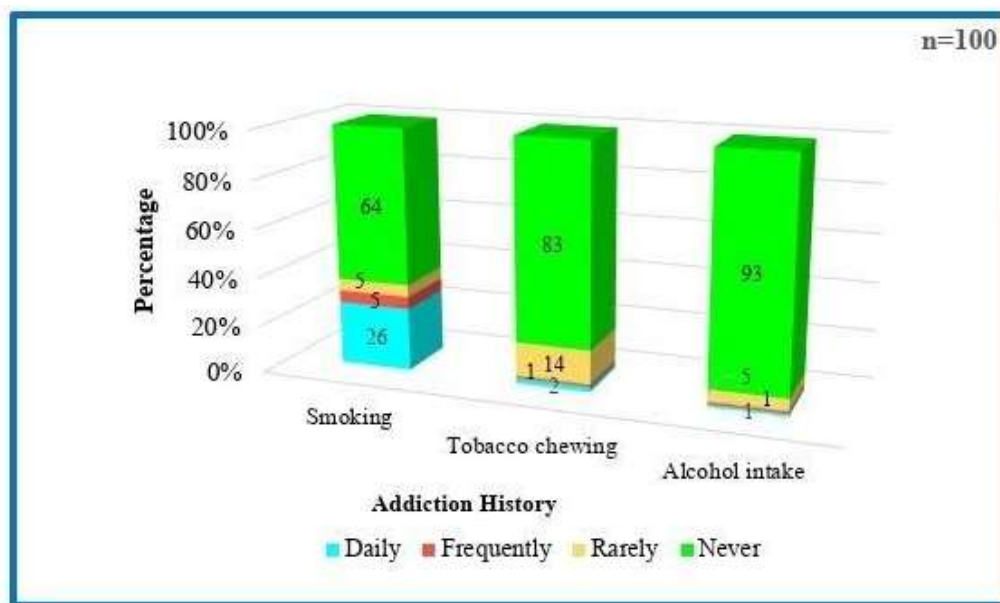


Fig 4: Composite bar diagram showing the percentage distribution of addiction history among post PTCA patients.

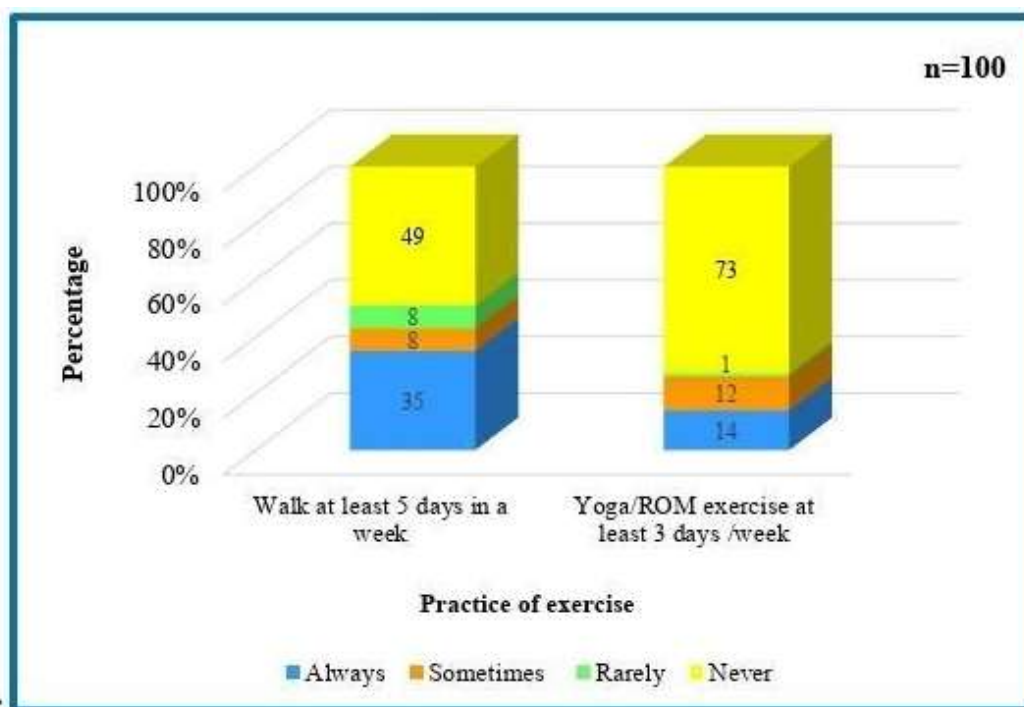


Fig 5: Composite bar diagram showing the percentage distribution of practice of exercise among post PTCA patients.

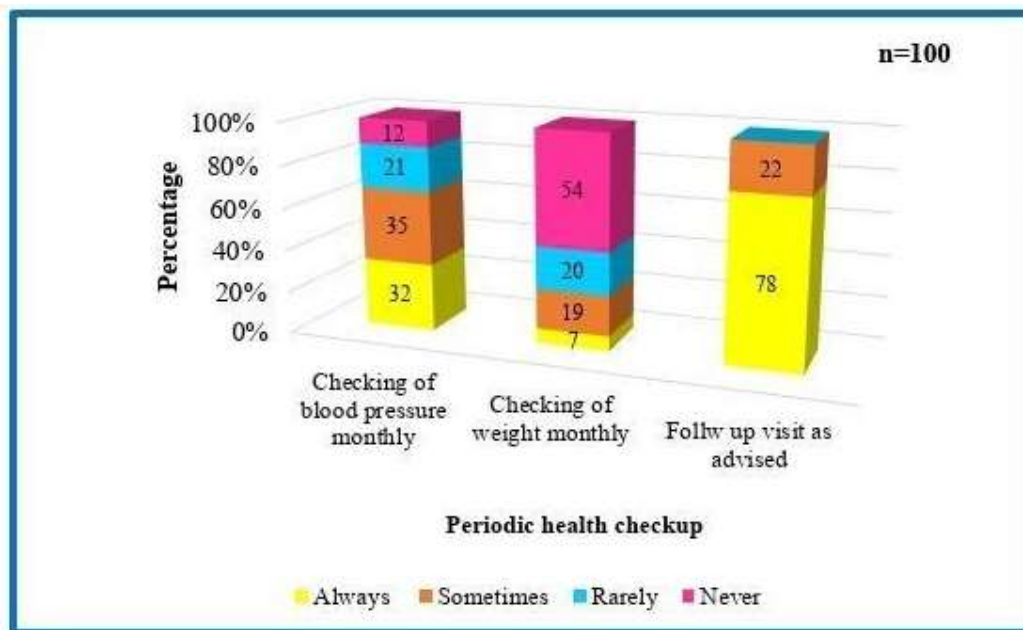


Fig 6: Composite bar diagram showing the percentage distribution of Periodic health check-up among post PTCA patients.

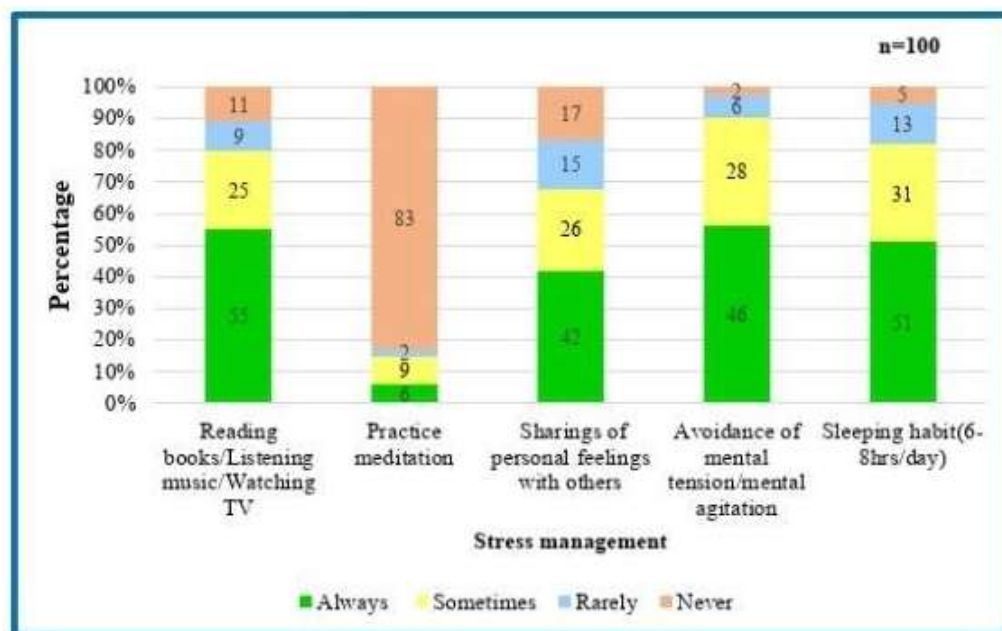


Fig 7: Composite bar diagram showing the percentage distribution of stress management among post PTCA patients.

Table 2:- Association between lifestyle modifications adherence with selected demographic variables. n=100.

| Demographic variables | Lifestyle modification adherence median score (71.5) | | χ^2 | df | P value |
|-----------------------|--|----------|----------|----|---------|
| | ≤ median | > median | | | |
| Age | | | 1.663 | 3 | 0.64 |

| | | | | | |
|--|----|----|---------------|----------|---------------|
| 31-40 years | 07 | 06 | | | |
| 41-50 years | 08 | 10 | | | |
| 51-60 years | 20 | 24 | | | |
| 61-70 years | 15 | 10 | | | |
| Gender | 41 | 45 | | | |
| Male | 09 | 05 | 1.329 | 1 | 0.25 |
| Female | | | | | |
| Marital status | 44 | 45 | | | |
| Married | 06 | 05 | 0.102 | 1 | 0.75 |
| Others | | | | | |
| Religion | 38 | 37 | | | |
| Hindu | 12 | 13 | 0.533 | 1 | 0.82 |
| Muslim & Christian | | | | | |
| Type of family Nuclear | 32 | 35 | | | |
| Joint | 18 | 15 | 0.407 | 1 | 0.52 |
| Type of habitat | | | | | |
| Urban | 19 | 24 | 1.02 | 1 | 0.31 |
| Rural | 31 | 26 | | | |
| Educational Status | 14 | | 13.329 | 3 | 0.003* |
| Illiterate | 03 | 05 | | | |
| Primary | 30 | 09 | | | |
| Secondary | 03 | 24 | | | |
| H.S and above | | 12 | | | |
| Occupation | 02 | 13 | 17.144 | 3 | 0.006* |
| Service | 22 | 16 | | | |
| Self employed | 08 | 15 | | | |
| Labour | 18 | 06 | | | |
| Other | | | | | |
| Monthly per capita income (in Rs) | | | 9.184 | 2 | 0.01* |
| <2000 | 26 | 23 | | | |
| 2000-3999 | 21 | 13 | | | |
| ≥4000 | 03 | 14 | | | |

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