

Table 1 Demographic characteristics of male and female participants in selected hospitals of Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences, 2009

Characteristic	Females (n = 400)		Males (n = 400)		Total (n = 800)	
	Mean (SD)		Mean (SD)		Mean (SD)	
<i>Age</i>	26.79 (5.23)		29.86 (4.45)		28.32 (5.51)	
<i>No. of children</i>	1.12 (0.99)		1.07 (0.67)		1.09 (0.88)	
<i>Size of family</i>	3.42 (1.54)		3.21 (0.76)		3.31 (1.22)	
	No	%	No	%	No	%
<i>Education</i>						
Illiterate	28	7.0	28	7.0	56	7.0
Primary school	67	16.5	100	25.0	167	20.9
Middle school	52	13.0	66	16.5	118	14.8
High school	220	55.0	162	40.5	382	47.8
University	33	8.5	44	11.0	77	9.6
<i>Employment</i>						
Unemployed/householder	384	96.0	0	0.0	384	48.0
Labourer	7	1.5	120	30.0	127	15.9
Office personnel	4	1.0	120	30.0	124	15.5
Teacher	4	1.0	0	0.0	4	0.5
Small business	1	0.5	160	40.0	161	20.1
<i>Accommodation</i>						
Rented	241	60.5	292	73.0	533	66.6
Owned	110	27.5	68	17.0	178	22.3
Living in family home	49	12.2	40	10.0	89	11.1
<i>Monthly income (US\$)</i>						
0	4	0.5	0	0.0	4	0.5
< 150	387	96.8	2	0.5	389	48.6
150 to < 300	3	0.5	152	38.0	155	19.4
300 to < 500	6	1.5	234	58.5	240	30.0
500 to < 1000	0	0.0	8	2.0	8	1.0
> 1000	0	0.0	4	1.0	4	0.5

SD = standard deviation.