CURRENT CONTRACEPTIVE AWARENESS AND USE AMONG STUDENTS OF TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS IN LAGOS STATE, NIGERIA.

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- **Abstract:** The study examined the awareness and use of contraceptives among students of tertiary institutions in Lagos State, Nigeria. A sample of size 50 was selected from each of the 20 Local Government Areas in the state, making a total of 1000 questionnaires out of which 981 were returned. Respondents were randomly selected at the location of interview. Use of contraceptives was found to predominate amongst male students that are 27 years and above while this was found to be high amongst the female students in the 24-26 years age bracket. About 64 per cent of the students are found to use one form of contraceptive or the other but lower and middle level students of these institutions are found to use contraceptives more than those in higher classes. The fitted logistic regression showed that the odd of male students using contraceptive is 1.268 while students in 200 level in institutions in Lagos State are 2.005 times more likely to use contraceptives than those in 300 level and about 4.8 times more likely than those in 100 level. Those in 300 level are 6 times more likely to use contraceptives than those in 400 level. About 77 per cent of the students find condom to be more reliable as means of contraception than any other available contraceptive. With $R^2 = 0.74$, there seemed to be the evidence of a strong influence of gender, level of studies, age, income and age at first sex on the likelihood of using contraceptive.