**TABLES**

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| **Table 1. Opinions on the general physical examination and patient's consent** | | |
|  |  | n (%) |
| Do you think obtaining patient's consent prior to clinical or physical examination is required? | Yes | 97 (81.5) |
| No | 15 (12.6) |
| I don't know/have an idea | 7 (5.9) |
| Is patient's consent required to be present as an observer during a clinical or physical examination? | Yes | 78 (65.0) |
| No | 29 (24.2) |
| I don't know/have an idea | 13 (10.8) |
| Did an instructor explain to you how to behave during an examination, how to obtain patient's consent and what to do when a patient rejects to give his/her consent? | Yes | 89 (74.2) |
| No | 21 (17.5) |
| I don't remember/have an idea | 10 (8.3) |
| Does the patient have the right to reject undergoing an examination to be performed by a student? | Yes | 59 (49.6) |
| No | 36 (30.2) |
| I don't know/have an idea | 24 (20.2) |
| Does the patient have the right to reject a student's presence as an observer during an examination? | Yes | 47 (39.2) |
| No | 51 (42.5) |
| I don't know/have an idea | 22 (18.3) |

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| **Table 2. Opinions on the female patients' genital examination** | | |
|  |  | n (%) |
| Have you ever performed a genital examination? | Yes | 94 (78.3) |
| No | 26 (21.7) |
| If yes, did you clearly inform the patient that you were a student prior to the examination? | Yes | 55 (58.5) |
| No | 39 (41.5) |
| If yes, did you or your instructor ask for the patient's consent before starting the examination? | Yes | 67 (77.0) |
| No | 20 (23.0) |
| Do you think it is easier for female students to obtain patient's consent? | Yes | 106 (88.3) |
| No | 5 (4.2) |
| Does not affect | 9 (7.5) |
| Do you think it is easier for male students to obtain patient's consent? | Yes | 2 (1.7) |
| No | 109 (90.8) |
| Does not affect | 9 (7.5) |
| Would you accept undergoing a rectal/genital examination to be performed by a student of the opposite gender? | Yes | 77 (64.7) |
| No | 42 (35.3) |

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| **Table 3. Situations faced after asking for the patient's consent** | |
|  | n (%) |
| Patient rejected to undergo an examination performed by me. | 44 (36.7) |
| Patient did not want me to stay in the room during the examination. | 57 (47.5) |
| Patient approved the examination but showed discomfort by body language. | 59 (49.2) |

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| **Table 4. Reactions to patient's refusal** | |
|  | n (%) |
| I respected the patient's refusal but still got upset. | 69 (57.5) |
| I completely lost my passion. | 21 (17.5) |
| I asked the patient the reason of her refusal and talked to her about it. | 11 (9.2) |
| I talked to the patient and convinced her. | 8 (6.7) |
| My instructor talked to the patient and convinced her. | 53 (44.17) |
| Other…………………….. | 2 (1.7) |

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| **Table 5. Opinions on the examination of an anesthetized/unconscious female patient** | | |
|  |  | n (%) |
| Would you accept performing a genital examination on a patient without her consent? | Yes | 30 (25.4) |
| No | 50 (42.4) |
| I don't know/have an idea | 38 (32.2) |
| Have you ever examined such patient? | Yes | 13 (10.8) |
| No | 107 (89.2) |
| Was the patient asked for her consent prior to the genital examination to be performed under anesthesia? | Yes | 33 (40.2) |
| No | 48 (58.5) |
| I don't know/have an idea | 1 (1.2) |

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| **Table 6. Troubles faced during a genital examination** | |
|  | n (%) |
| I was afraid of that the patient would not want to be examined by me. | 35 (29.2) |
| I was afraid of that the patient would refuse my presence in the room during the examination. | 37 (30.8) |
| I was afraid of hurting the patient. | 54 (45.0) |
| I felt incapable of communicating with the patient in a comforting manner. | 35 (29.2) |
| I was nervous because of being observed by my instructor. | 24 (20) |

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| **Table 7. Emotions felt in the genital examination process** | | |
| Have you ever witnessed that the patients had emotional troubles in the examination process? | Yes | 100 (83.3) |
| No | 20 (16.7) |
| Have you ever had emotional troubles in the examination process? | Yes | 39 (33.1) |
| No | 79 (66.9) |

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| **Table 8. In your opinion, what is the best way for a medical student to learn how to perform a pelvic/rectal examination?** | |
|  | n (%) |
| It should be performed on professional volunteers. | 30 (25) |
| It should be taught on models by means of simulation. | 37 (30.8) |
| It is totally a humane practice so can be performed on any clinical patient when necessary. | 78 (65.0) |
| It is for the benefit of the student and thus should be considered a regular practice. | 60 (50.0) |
| The patient should allow because contributing to science is a human duty. | 53 (44.2) |
| Pelvic examination should not be performed on humans for learning purposes. | 6 (5.0) |
| It should be performed on anesthetized patients whose consent was taken to ensure that they don't feel discomfort. | 20 (16.7) |
| Other | 1 (0.8) |