

Basic Life Support Social Representations Portuguese Layperson's

Background

Training laypersons' to offer basic life support (BLS) provided until the arrival of professional emergency responders is crucial for improve the likelihood of survival.

Aim

- To identify the definition of BLS by layperson's in a little country of Portugal (Évora)
- To document related structure social representations about BLS on layperson's in Évora

Methods

Exploratory study

Simple Random Sample

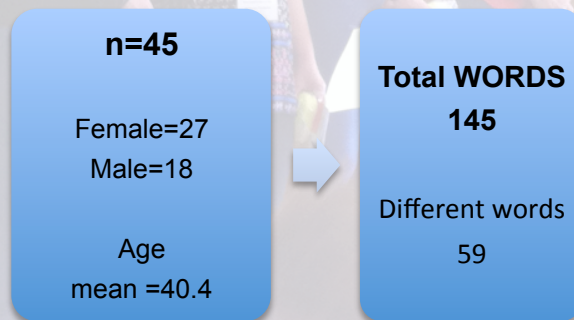
Free word association Technical

Inducing stimulus Structural analysis

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Results



BLS Social Representations

1st Quadrant- Central Core			2nd Quadrant - 1st Periphery		
ELEMENTS	F	EMO	ELEMENTS	F	EMO
To save	23	2,130	Calm	9	2,667
Life	8	2,375	To owe	6	2,667
help out	31	2,484	Responsibility	6	2,833
Help	8	2,500			
Reanimate	25	2,520			
3rd Quadrant - Contrast Elements			4rd Quadrant - 2nd Periphery		
ELEMENTS	F	EMO	ELEMENTS	F	EMO
Prevention	2	1,500	Safety	5	3,000
Disease	5	2,200	Team	2	3,000
Evaluation	5	2,600	Act	2	3,500
Tragedy	5	2,600	Accident	4	4,000
			Coordination	4	4,250
			PLS	2	5,000

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Conclusion

Layperson recognise that BLS is a representation of saving life's and the consequence of this.

Lack consensual knowledge about security personnel as first responders and skills of corporate response teams.

Further directions

Compulsory training to perform basic life support is probably necessary to obtain the levels of skill required and to improve outcomes.

"Hands-on" practice is needed.

