

# Self-efficacy and Self-care Behaviors among Patients with Coronary Artery Disease in Jordan

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## Abstract

This study purposed to assess the self-efficacy and self-care behaviors among patients with coronary artery disease in Jordan. A cross-sectional, descriptive correlational design was used to recruit 500 patients attending the cardiac outpatients' clinics in hospitals in different health sectors. Findings showed that the median of cardiac self-efficacy scales (patient-physician interaction scale (PEPPI-5), self-efficacy for managing chronic disease 6-item scale (SEMCD-6), and Sullivan's cardiac self-efficacy scale (SCSES)) were 20.00, 39.00, and 39.00, respectively. The participants' mean of the self-care behaviors was  $M=2.95$  ( $SD=0.47$ ). The PEPPI-5 demonstrated a positive correlation with social support ( $r_{(498)} = 0.240, p < 0.001$ ) and a negative correlation with educational level ( $p.b.r_{(498)} = -0.130, p < 0.001$ ). SEMCD-6 had a negative correlation with depression ( $r_{(498)} = -0.169, p < 0.001$ ), anxiety ( $r_{(498)} = -0.136, p < 0.05$ ), and stress ( $r_{(498)} = -0.129, p < 0.001$ ), and positive relationship with social support ( $r_{(498)} = 0.224, p < 0.001$ ). SCSES had a negative correlation with depression ( $r_{(498)} = -0.096, p < 0.05$ ), anxiety, stress ( $r_{(498)} = -0.091, p < 0.05$ ), and marital status ( $p.b.r_{(498)} = -0.097, p < 0.05$ ). Also, SCSES had a positive correlation with social support ( $r_{(498)} = 0.267, p < 0.001$ ) and educational level ( $p.b.r_{(498)} = 0.091, p < 0.05$ ). Self-care behaviors had a significant positive relationship with age ( $r_{(498)} =$

0.178,  $p < 0.001$ ), duration of disease ( $r_{(498)} = 0.108$ ,  $p < 0.05$ ), and marital status ( $p.b.r_{(498)} = 0.094$ ,  $p < 0.05$ ), while a negative relationship with anxiety ( $r_{(498)} = -0.111$ ,  $p < 0.05$ ). There was a significant effect of PEPPI-5, SEMCD-6, and SCSES on self-care behaviors ( $B = 0.168$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ), ( $B = 0.037$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ), ( $B = 0.100$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ). Thus, more attention should be paid to correlating factors and working on eliminating the effects of these factors to help improve self-efficacy, which has the greatest influence on enhancing self-care behaviors.

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