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Hello Everyone! This is Dr.Saranya , Postgraduate from the Department of Community Medicine.Today , I am going to talk about a very common & serious issue which is nothing but plagiarism. Not Just in research, in the recent times we hear a lot of plagiarism accusations among musicians, comedians, movie directors, novel writers & so on. What is Plagiarism? Is it the practice of taking other people's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own? What exactly it means? It is the use of previously published manuscript by someone for his /her manuscript or unreferenced use of other's published & unpublished ideas without their consent , credit or acknowledgement. There are different types of plagiarism. The first type is Direct Plagiarism.It is nothing but complete or partial copying without acknowledging the original author. It not only includes copy pasting exact words or phrases but also re-framed phrases or words from other person's manuscript. The second type is Self plagiarism which is duplicating one's own previous works or sentences. Yes! You heard it right! Plagiarism is not only copying other's work but also using one's own previous work for the present study without proper referencing. The last type is redundant publications / salami publications which means publishing similar manuscripts/reports based on the same experiments i.e when the findings of one study is divided into a series of shorter papers or articles like dividing your PG thesis into 3-4 short studies and publishing them. In this type of plagiarism except for the words & title , the objectives , methodology , implications .. everything remains the same.

Why are we concerned about plagiarism? Plagiarism leads to major ethical, academic and legal problems.

It is also considered a serious publication misconduct and becomes a major reason for our manuscript getting rejected.

Now, how to avoid plagiarism? Are there ways to minimize it? Yes ,there are. Avoid 'copy-paste' from other's article or your own previous work. Spend more time and write the concepts in your own words. Always acknowledge original sources

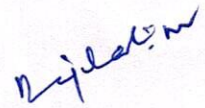
not just the published works but also the unpublished ones. Cite references accurately. For better reference citations. Use softwares like zotero or mendeley. Avoid writing several articles of the same type. Last but not the least we can use anti-plagiarism softwares like URKUND , Ithenticate, Turnitin etc which are available in India and approved by majority of the universities. In our dept.. In the dept of Community Medicine , SMVMCH , we have 'PLAGAWARE' which is one of the anti-plagiarism software. Any student/faculty from SMVMCH can use it for plagiarism check before submitting your thesis to university or your manuscript or article for journal publication. Before I conclude,I would like to share an interesting fact. The word ' plagiarism' was derived from a Latin word which means ' Kidnapping'.. Yes ' Kidnapping'. So before kidnapping anyone's ideas or concepts remember the quote by Mr.Herman Melville which says

"It is better to fail in originality ,than to succeed in imitation"


Thank you all for your time! Have a great day!



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