

Table 1 Physicians' knowledge and opinions about the definition of primary health care (PHC) and where it is best practised (n = 70)

Item	No.	%
<i>PHC includes:</i>		
Basic health care (common ailments only)	47	67.1
Comprehensive health care (includes all diseases)	23	32.9
<i>If practised in true spirit PHC means:</i>		
Good quality health care	68	97.1
Inferior quality health care	2	2.9
<i>PHC includes the following health aspects:</i>		
Preventive, promotive, diagnostic and curative or referral	51	72.9
Preventive, diagnostic and promotive health	12	17.1
Preventive and promotive health	5	7.1
Preventive health only	2	2.9
<i>PHC is best practised:</i>		
In the community	65	92.9
Tertiary health care facility	3	4.3
Both in the community and tertiary care centre	1	1.4
Other	1	1.4
<i>Give at least one reason in support of your answer:</i>		
PHC is practised and implemented ideally in the community	34	48.6
PHC in the community provides easy accessibility to the people	25	35.7
PHC in the community is cost-effective	4	5.7
Only diseased people visit clinics, therefore tertiary health centre is ideal for PHC	4	5.7
More facilities are provided at tertiary health care facility	3	4.3