**RECURRENT BACTERIAL INFECTIONS IN THALASSAEMIA PATIENTS**

**Abstract**

Objective; to evaluate rate of bacterial infection in thalassemia patients. Patients and methods; this study is across sectional study conducted in Al-Batool Teaching Hospital from Jul\_Dec 2016, with patients and parents interview, involving thalassemia major and intermedia only, a self structured questionnaire was prepared depending on criteria of recurrent bacterial infection which had been mentioned in many sources, statistical analysis was carried out by statistical package of social sciences (SPSS), p-value was taken at (0.05) level. Results; a total of 188 patients were enrolled in the study, most of them were at school age group (p-value=.000), more than half of included patients were male (p-value=.058), results show that only 2 patients develop sepsis and other 2 patients suffered from draining otitis media and those were non splenectomised,while after splenectomy only one patient develop pneumonia.