| **Characteristic** | **N = 627**1 |
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| Thalassemia is an inherited blood disorder |  |
| Don't Know | 121 (19%) |
| No | 65 (10%) |
| Yes | 441 (70%) |
| Thalassemia is a major contagious disease |  |
| Don't Know | 175 (28%) |
| No | 332 (53%) |
| Yes | 120 (19%) |
| Marriage between a healthy individual and a carrier results in the birth of a severely thalassemic child |  |
| Don't Know | 204 (33%) |
| No | 117 (19%) |
| Yes | 306 (49%) |
| Marriage between two carriers results in the birth of a severely thalassemic Child |  |
| Don't Know | 79 (13%) |
| No | 30 (4.8%) |
| Yes | 518 (83%) |
| Thalassemia can pass onto your child through a gene |  |
| Don't Know | 26 (4.1%) |
| No | 27 (4.3%) |
| Yes | 574 (92%) |
| Pregnancy should be terminated during thalassemia |  |
| Don't Know | 194 (31%) |
| No | 375 (60%) |
| Yes | 58 (9.3%) |
| Intermarriage is a significant risk factor for thalassemia |  |
| Don't Know | 155 (25%) |
| No | 97 (15%) |
| Yes | 375 (60%) |
| Blood transfusion is a treatment for major thalassemia patients |  |
| Don't Know | 80 (13%) |
| No | 30 (4.8%) |
| Yes | 517 (82%) |
| Thalassemia is a preventable disease |  |
| Don't Know | 60 (9.6%) |
| No | 69 (11%) |
| Yes | 498 (79%) |
| Thalassemia is a curable disease...17 |  |
| Don't Know | 200 (32%) |
| No | 185 (30%) |
| Yes | 242 (39%) |
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