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Anuradhapura district is one of the few districts in Sri Lanka where both malaria and Japanese Encephalitis are highly prevalent. A sample of 104 PHMM were given a prestested, structured, self administered questionnaire. There knowledge and attitudes were assessed as per their response knowledge of respondents in malaria is very satisfactory when compared to japanese encephalitis. Knowledge of younger respondents with a period of service between 6-9 years is significantly better than those who are over 40 years with a period of service over 10 years. The principal investigator is of the opinion that training programmes in malaria and japanese encephalitis should be conducted more frequently in order to update the knowledge of PHMM.