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Overview of knowledge and attitude towards pulmonary tuberculosis disease among Indonesian housewives who join Posyandu Lansia: Preliminary study

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Statement of Problem: Management of pulmonary Tuberculosis (TB) in Indonesia faces many challenges. Patient in adherence, poor family support and TB program management need to be considered. TB cases in Indonesia placed second order in the world. Indonesian family plays important roles in the participation by maintaining family health. Therefore, good knowledge and positive attitude in preventing pulmonary TB transmission and successful TB treatment become important for the family. The purpose of this study is to describe knowledge and attitude of Indonesian housewives against TB.

Methodology & Theoretical Orientation: This study is a descriptive study conducted on 47 women who join Posyandu Lansia in Bojong Gede, Bogor Regency in Indonesia. Posyandu lansia is health integrated post that provides health service for senior citizen.

Findings: Most of the respondents have elementary school background. Nevertheless, most of the respondent has good knowledge and positive attitude towards pulmonary TB. However, many respondents still regard tuberculosis as a disease caused by God's curse.

Conclusion & Significance: A proper, structured and continuous health education about TB prevention and treatment need to provide for family and community.

Biography

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