ABSTRACT

KNOWLEDGE AND STIGMA OF PANACEA PHARMACY VISITORS ABOUT TUBERCULOSIS

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Tuberculosis (TB) is a highly contagious infectious disease caused by Mycobacterium Tuberculosis bacteria. Mycobacterium Tuberculosis bacteria can spread through the air from one person to another. TB is still a big problem in Indonesia, in 2021 Indonesia ranks 2nd with the highest TB burden in the world. Looking at the success rate of TB treatment in Indonesia shows that Indonesia has not met the standard of TB treatment success rate according to WHO. According to research conducted by Courtwright and Turner (2010), said that stigma in TB disease can cause delays in treatment and have a negative impact on the continuity of treatment for TB clients. The study was aimed to determine the level of knowledge and stigma of Panacea Pharmacy visitors about TB. Based on the results of the study, the level of knowledge of respondents about TB was mostly in the good category with a total of 43 respondents (53.7%) while the level of stigma of respondents about TB was in the positive category with a total of 80 respondents (100.0%). In terms of knowledge about the definition of TB, the aspect of knowledge that was still unknown by respondents was that TB was not a disease related to social behavior where respondents who did not know were 54 respondents (67.5%). In terms of stigma, aspects of sanitation and hygiene, causes, and freedom of TB patients have shown positive results, but in terms of social interaction with TB patients, 25 (31.2%) respondents agreed that TB patients should be isolated.

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