

ABSTRACT

KNOWLEDGE AND STIGMA OF AZIFAH PHARMACY VISITORS ABOUT TUBERCULOSIS

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*Tuberculosis (TB) is an easily transmitted infectious disease caused by the bacterium *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), 10,000,000 people are affected by TB. Factors that influence the high success of TB treatment therapy include patients incompliance in taking anti-tuberculosis drugs (OAT) due to inadequate motivation which lead to increase the risk of morbidity, mortality, and drug resistance and depends side effects of drugs that affect the regularity of patients in taking medication, and stigma. The study was purposed to determine the level of knowledge and stigma of Azifah Pharmacy visitors about TB. Based on the results of the study, the highest level of respondent knowledge about TB was in the sufficient category with a total of 37 respondents (53.6%), while the level of stigma of respondents about TB was all in the positive category with a total of 69 respondents (100.0%). Given this low level of knowledge, education is needed to increase knowledge through TB health education as needed as an effort to strengthen the dissemination of accurate information to promote healthy TB knowledge and attitudes. Meanwhile, from the results of research on stigma, it still needs to be improved on the aspect of the view that TB patients should be isolated. The view that TB patients should beisolated can be reduced through education that TB patients who are undergoing treatment do not need to be isolated for more than a few days because the drugs work quickly so as to reduce the possibility of transmission.*

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