ABSTRACT

***KNOWLEDGE AND STIGMA OF PAHALA KETINTANG PHARMACY VISITORS ABOUT TUBERCULOSIS***

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Tuberculosis (TB) is an infectious disease caused by the pathogenic germ Mycobacterium tuberculosis. In 2021, TB cases in Indonesia reached 301 cases per 100,000 population, making Indonesia in 3rd place of the highest TB burdent country. TB treatment in Indonesia is still being a problem, especially at the level of treatment compliance, which will cause low recovery rates, high mortality rates, and more fatally if there is bacterial resistance to several anti-TB drugs. One of the factors influencing non-adherence to treatment in TB patients is community stigma. This study was aimed to determine the level of knowledge and stigma of visitors to Pahala Ketintang Pharmacy about TB. Based on the level of knowledge of respondents about TB, most respondents were in the good category with a total of 39 respondents (52.70%) while the level of respondents' stigma about TB showed that most of them were in the positive category with a total of 73 respondents (98.64%). In terms of knowledge about the definition of TB, the aspect of knowledge that is still unknown by respondents was that TB is not a disease related to social behavior which 52 respondents (70.27%) did not know. 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, 33 (44.59%) respondents agreed that TB patients should be isolated.

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