

ABSTRACT

KNOWLEDGE AND STIGMA OF K-24 JEMURSARI SURABAYA PHARMACY VISITORS ABOUT TUBERCULOSIS

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*Tuberculosis (TB) is a contagious infectious disease caused by the bacterium *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. According to research conducted by Astuti et al in 2019, community stigma is a factor affecting reduced quality of life, social status, and difficulties in medication adherence. This study was aimed to determine the knowledge and stigma of visitors of the K-24 Jemursari Pharmacy about TB. The results showed that the most respondents' knowledge about TB was in the sufficient category with a total of 41 respondents (46.59%), while the respondents' level of stigma towards TB was totally in the positive category with a total of 88 respondents (100%). In terms of knowledge about the definition of TB, the aspect most respondents did not know was "TB is a disease related to social behavior" which only 26 (29.54%) of respondents knew. In terms of stigma, aspects regarding sanitation and hygiene, causes and social sanctions for TB patients showed positive results, but in terms of TB patients who had to be isolated and were not allowed to work as many as 27 (30.68%) respondents agreed. From the research results, the knowledge and stigma of visitors to the K-24 Jemursari pharmacy about TB can be increased through direct education to the community such as health counseling by local health services, health promotion, seminars, brochures/pamphlets, and social media.*

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