THE LEVEL OF KNOWLEDGE ON HEPATITIS B AMONGST THE INTERNSHIPS OF JKG POLTEKKES KEMENKES YOGYAKARTA

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ABSTRACT

Hepatitis is one of health issues found around the world, including Indonesia. This disease comprises five types: Hepatitis A, B, C, D, and E. The hepatitis virus has infected nearly 2 billion people; approximately, 240 million of them are diagnosed with chronic Hepatitis B. As a medical personnel, a nurse, especially a dental nurse, can prevent any possible contact with the infectious substance if they have proper knowledge of the contagion of the Hepatitis B virus. This research aims to find out the level of knowledge on Hepatitis B amongst the internships of JKG Poltekkes Kemenkes Yogyakarta. The study is an analytic-comparative research in nature with the cross sectional approach. This approach is a type of research in which the research object is only observed once and the measurement is done towards the character status or the subject variable at the examination. This design can reveal which one becomes the exposure and its cause and effect relationship is evident: to find out the level of knowledge on Hepatitis B amongst the internships of JKG Poltekkes Kemenkes Yogyakarta. From the research, it was found that 60 respondents (80%) already had good criteria in terms of the knowledge they had regarding the Hepatitis virus. Therefore, it can be concluded that the majority of the students who became the interns already had sufficient knowledge about the Hepatitis B virus.

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