

ABSTRACT

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The Differences of Knowledge and Citizen's Attitude Before and After Being Given Health Education Regarding Prevention of Skin Diseases (Scabies)

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Background: A dirty environment and unhygienic lifestyle in one dense settlement can trigger the appearance of skin diseases. Moreover, if there is not enough knowledge and attitude about how to transmit and prevent skin diseases, it can increase the risk of transmitting skin diseases quickly.

Purposes: This study aims to determine the differences of knowledge and citizen's attitudes before and after being given health education regarding the prevention of skin diseases in the Talang Betutu Palembang Village.

Method: This research uses quantitative methods through pre-experimental design with the design of one group pretest-posttest design. The sampling technique is purposive sampling. The sample in this study were all residents in Talang Betutu Village ranging from ages 18 to 45 years, amounting to 53 respondents. Retrieval of data using questionnaires and analyzed using Wilcoxon test.

Result: The results showed that from 53 respondents there were 19 respondents who experienced an increase in knowledge and 14 respondents experienced a change in attitude after being given health education regarding skin diseases. The average score of the knowledge value of citizens before being given health education is (10.50) and then increases after being given health education to (11.05). While the average score of the attitudes of citizens before being given health education is (0.00) then also increases after being given health education to (7.50). The test results using Wilcoxon found that the influence of health education on the level of knowledge and attitudes of citizens regarding prevention of skin diseases with p-value $0.001 < 0.05$.

Recommendation: Organize cooperation with local health centers in improving the health system for the prevention of skin diseases.

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