

**HUBUNGAN PENGETAHUAN SERTA SIKAP TENTANG PEMELIHARAAN
KESEHATAN GIGI DAN MULUT DENGAN PENGALAMAN KARIES GIGI
PADA SISWA KELAS VII SMP PLUS ULIL ALBAB
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ABSTRAK

Latar Belakang : Penyebab timbulnya masalah kesehatan gigi dan mulut diantaranya faktor perilaku yang kurang tepat yang dilandasi oleh pengetahuan dan sikap pemeliharaan kesehatan gigi dan mulut. Usia remaja sering mengalami masalah kesehatan gigi dan mulut salah satunya karies gigi. **Tujuan :** Menganalisis hubungan pengetahuan serta sikap tentang pemeliharaan kesehatan gigi dan mulut dengan pengalaman karies gigi pada siswa kelas VII. **Metode :** Menggunakan penelitian dengan pendekatan *cross sectional*. Populasi penelitian siswa kelas VII sebanyak 65 orang menggunakan teknik *total sampling*. Alat ukur penelitian menggunakan kuesioner pengetahuan serta sikap tentang pemeliharaan kesehatan gigi dan mulut serta pemeriksaan pengalaman karies gigi menggunakan indeks DMF-T. **Hasil :** Hasil penelitian terbanyak 34 siswa (52,3%) memiliki pengetahuan tentang pemeliharaan kesehatan gigi dan mulut dengan kriteria baik, 34 siswa (52,3%) memiliki sikap tentang pemeliharaan kesehatan gigi dan mulut dengan kriteria baik dan 25 siswa (38,5%) memiliki pengalaman karies gigi dengan kriteria sangat rendah. Uji korelasi *Spearman Rank* didapat nilai *p - Value* 0,000 $p < 0,05$ artinya terdapat hubungan antara pengetahuan serta sikap tentang pemeliharaan kesehatan gigi dan mulut dengan pengalaman karies gigi siswa kelas VII. **Kesimpulan :** Terdapat hubungan antara pengetahuan serta sikap tentang pemeliharaan kesehatan gigi dan mulut dengan pengalaman karies gigi siswa kelas VII.

Kata Kunci : Pengetahuan, Sikap, Pemeliharaan Kesehatan Gigi dan Mulut, Pengalaman Karies Gigi, Siswa Kelas VII.

**RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN KNOWLEDGE AND ATTITUDES REGARDING
MAINTENANCE OF DENTAL MOUTH HEALHT WITH DENTAL CARIES
EXPERIENCE IN CLASS VII STUDENTS OF SMP PLUS ULIL ALBAB
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ABSTRACT

Background: The causes of dental and oral health problems include inappropriate behavioral factors based on knowledge and attitudes about maintaining dental and oral health. Teenagers often experience dental and oral health problems, one of which is dental caries. **Purpose:** To analyze the relationship between knowledge and attitudes about dental and oral health care with dental caries experience in class VII students. **Methods:** Using research with a cross sectional approach. The research population for class VII students was 65 people using total sampling technique. The research measuring tool was a questionnaire of knowledge and attitudes about maintaining oral health and examining dental caries experience using the DMF-T index. **Results:** Most of the research results were 34 students (52.3%) had good criteria of knowledge about maintaining dental and oral health, 34 students (52.3%) had attitudes about maintaining dental and oral health with good criteria and 25 students (38, 5%) had dental caries experience with very low criteria. The Spearman Rank correlation test obtained a p-value of 0.000 p<0.05 meaning that there is a relationship between knowledge and attitudes about dental and oral health care and the dental caries experience of class VII students. **Conclusion:** There is a relationship between knowledge and attitudes about dental and oral health care with the dental caries experience of class VII students.

Keywords: Knowledge, Attitudes, Dental and Oral Health Care, Dental Caries Experience, Class VII Students.