

**HUBUNGAN PENGETAHUAN DAN SIKAP IBU DENGAN *EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES* PADA ANAK USIA 3-6 TAHUN
DI RA NURUL HUDESA HEGARMANAH
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ABSTRAK

Latar belakang: Pengetahuan, sikap dan tindakan Ibu akan menentukan status kesehatan gigi dan mulut anak. Orang tua masih banyak yang berasumsi bahwa gigi susu hanya sementara dan akan diganti oleh geligi tetap, sehingga para orang tua sering beranggapan bahwa kerusakan pada gigi susu yang disebabkan oleh *oral hygiene* yang kurang baik bukan merupakan suatu masalah akibatnya terjadi *Early Childhood Caries (ECC)* bersifat kronik dan progresif dan harus di tangani segera agar tidak berlanjut sebagai upaya pencegahan. Tujuan: Menganalisis hubungan pengetahuan dan sikap Ibu dengan *Early Childhood Caries* pada anak Usia 3-6 Tahun di RA Nurul Huda Kabupaten Garut. Metodologi: metode penelitian yang digunakan kualitatif observasional, dengan jenis rancangan cross-sectional, populasi 50 responden terdiri dari orang tua berjumlah 25 orang dan anak usia 3-6 tahun berjumlah 25 orang. Sampel : total sampling, alat ukur : kuesioner dan lembar pemeriksaan ECC. Analisa data menggunakan uji statistika *chi square*. Hasil: Hasil pemeriksaan gigi menggunakan *Early Childhood Caries* anak-anak di TK.RA Nurul Huda rata-rata anak mempunyai karies sangat tinggi mencapai 64% anak terserang karies gigi sejak dini pengukuran dan untuk pengetahuan, sikap ibu yang dihubungkan dengan ECC mencapai $p=0.000$ dengan kata lain ada hubungan pengetahuan dan sikap ibu yang kurang memahami kesehatan gigi anak maka akan terjadi *Early Childhood Caries* pada anak. Kesimpulan: ada hubungan antara pengetahuan dan sikap ibu yang kurang memahami dalam menjaga pemeliharaan gigi dan mulut anak usia 3-6 tahun maka dapat mengakibatkan *Early Childhood Caries* sangat tinggi. Direkomendasikan bagi petugas di puskesmas khususnya terapis gigi agar lebih meningkatkan lagi penyuluhan kepada para orang tua yang mempunyai anak usia prasekolah tentang pentingnya menjaga kesehatan gigi dan mulut di rumah.

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**THE RELATIONSHIP OF MOTHER'S KNOWLEDGE AND ATTITUDES
WITH EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES IN CHILDREN AGED 3-6 YEARS
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ABSTRACT

Background:. The mother's knowledge, attitudes and actions will determine the health status of the child's teeth and mouth. Many parents still assume that milk teeth are only temporary and will be replaced by permanent teeth, so parents often assume that damage to milk teeth caused by poor oral hygiene is not a problem as a result of which Early Childhood Caries (ECC) occurs. chronic and progressive and must be treated immediately so that it does not continue as a preventive measure. **Objective:** To analyze the relationship between maternal knowledge and attitudes and Early Childhood Caries in children aged 3-6 years in RA Nurul Huda, Garut Regency. **Methodology:** The research method used was observational qualitative, with a cross-sectional design, a population of 50 respondents consisting of 25 parents and 25 children aged 5-6 years. Sample: total sampling, measuring tools: questionnaire and ECC examination sheet. Data analysis used the chi square statistical test. **Results:** The results of dental examinations using Early Childhood Caries of children at TK.RA Nurul Huda, on average, children have very high caries, reaching 64% of children who have had dental caries since early measurement and for knowledge, maternal attitudes which are associated with ECC reached $p=0.000$ In other words, there is a relationship between knowledge and attitudes of mothers who do not understand children's dental health, which will result in Early Childhood Caries in children. **Conclusion:** there is a relationship between knowledge and attitudes of mothers who lack understanding in maintaining the teeth and mouth of children aged 3-6 years, which can result in very high levels of Early Childhood Caries. It is recommended that staff at community health centers, especially dental therapists, increase their education to parents of preschool-aged children about the importance of maintaining healthy teeth and mouth at home.

Key Word	Mother's knowledge & attitudes, Early Childhood Caries, RA Nurul Huda. Garut
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