

**HUBUNGAN PENGETAHUAN DAN PERILAKU PEMELIHARAAN
KESEHATAN GIGI DAN MULUT DENGAN PENGALAMAN
KARIES PADA LANSIA DI POSYANDU
LANSIA DESA SODONGHILIR
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INTISARI

Latar belakang: Pengetahuan lansia mengenai kesehatan gigi dan mulut merupakan salah satu faktor penting yang dapat mempengaruhi kebersihan dan kesehatan gigi dan mulut. Kesehatan rongga mulut pada lansia memiliki peranan penting dalam kesehatan umum dan kualitas hidup. Keadaan kesehatan gigi dan mulut yang buruk seperti hilangnya gigi dan tidak merawat gigi dapat mengakibatkan fungsi dan aktivitas rongga mulut menjadi terganggu. **Tujuan penelitian:** Untuk mengetahui hubungan pengetahuan dan perilaku dengan pengalaman karies pada lansia di posyandu lansia desa Sodonghilir. **Jenis penelitian:** Jenis penelitian yang digunakan adalah penelitian analitik observasional dengan rancangan *cross sectional*, yaitu mencari hubungan antara satu keadaan dengan keadaan lain. Peneliti ini bertujuan untuk mengetahui hubungan pengetahuan dan perilaku pemeliharaan kesehatan gigi dan mulut dengan pengalaman karies pada lansia di posyandu lansia desa sodonghilir. **Hasil penelitian:** Berdasarkan analisis data *Range Spearman* dapat dinyatakan bahwa hubungan antara pengetahuan dan perilaku memiliki hubungan yang sangat signifikan atau berkorelasi dengan nilai $p = 0,001$, dimana nilai $p = 0,001 < 0,05$. **Kesimpulan penelitian:** Hubungan antara pengetahuan dan perilaku memiliki hubungan yang sangat signifikan atau berkorelasi dengan nilai $p = 0,001$, dimana nilai $p = 0,001 < 0,05$. Kriteria tingkat kekuatan hubungan atau korelasi memiliki hubungan yang cukup kuat, yaitu berada pada nilai koefisien korelasi $0,26 - 0,50$. **Kata Kunci:** Pengetahuan dan Perilaku Lansia Angka, Karies pada Lansia.

**THE RELATIONSHIP OF KNOWLEDGE AND ORAL HEALTH
MAINTENANCE BEHAVIORS WITH EXPERIENCE
CARIES IN THE ELDERLY AT POSYANDU
ELDERLY IN SODONGHILIR VILLAGE
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ABSTRACT

Background: Elderly knowledge about dental and oral health is one of the important factors that can affect dental and oral hygiene and health. Oral health in the elderly has an important role in general health and quality of life. Poor dental and oral health conditions, such as tooth loss and not caring for teeth, can result in impaired oral cavity function and activity. **Research objective:** To determine the relationship between knowledge and behavior and the experience of caries in the elderly at the elderly integrated healthcare center in Sodonghilir village. **Type of research:** The type of research used is observational analytical research with a cross-sectional design, namely looking for relationships between one situation and another. This researcher aims to determine the relationship between knowledge and oral health maintenance behavior and the experience of caries in the elderly at the elderly integrated healthcare center in Sodonghilir village. **Research results:** Based on the analysis of Spearman Range data, it can be stated that the relationship between knowledge and behavior has a very significant relationship or correlates with a p value of 0.001, where a p value of $0.001 < 0.05$. **Research conclusion:** The relationship between knowledge and behavior has a very significant relationship or correlation with a p-value of 0.001, where the p-value is $0.001 < 0.05$. The criterion for the level of relationship strength or correlation has a fairly strong relationship, which is at the value of the correlation coefficient of 0.26–0.50.

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