

**HUBUNGAN TINGKAT PENGETAHUAN ORANG TUA TENTANG  
PERTUMBUHAN GIGI DENGAN JUMLAH KUNJUNGAN PASIEN  
ANAK SEKOLAH DASAR NEGERI SUNDAWENANG  
KE PUSKESMAS SALAWU**

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**ABSTRAK**

**Latar belakang:** Kesehatan gigi anak sekolah dasar masih menjadi masalah yang cukup tinggi, namun tingkat kunjungan anak ke fasilitas kesehatan seperti puskesmas masih rendah. Pengetahuan orang tua berperan penting dalam menentukan perilaku mereka dalam membawa anak untuk pemeriksaan gigi.

**Tujuan:** Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengetahui hubungan antara tingkat pengetahuan orang tua tentang pertumbuhan gigi dengan jumlah kunjungan pasien anak SDN Sundawenang ke Puskesmas Salawu. **Metode Penelitian:** Penelitian menggunakan desain analitik korelasional dengan pendekatan *cross sectional*. Sampel diperoleh dengan teknik total sampling, menggunakan kuesioner pengetahuan dan data kunjungan anak selama enam bulan terakhir. Analisis data menggunakan uji *Rank Spearman*. **Hasil:** Berdasarkan uji *Rank Spearman* didapatkan nilai p-value sebesar 0,000 ( $p < 0,05$ ) dan koefisien korelasi sebesar -0,483 dengan kekuatan hubungan sedang. **Kesimpulan:** Terdapat hubungan yang signifikan antara tingkat pengetahuan orang tua tentang pertumbuhan gigi anak dengan jumlah kunjungan pasien anak ke puskesmas.

**Kata Kunci:** pengetahuan orang tua, pertumbuhan gigi, kunjungan anak, puskesmas.

**THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PARENTS' KNOWLEDGE OF  
TOOTH GROWTH AND THE NUMBER OF PATIENT VISITS  
BY SUNDAWENANG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN  
TO THE SALAWU COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER**

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**ABSTRACT**

**Background:** Dental health problems among elementary school children remain relatively high, while the rate of children's visits to healthcare facilities such as community health centers (puskesmas) is still low. Parental knowledge plays an important role in determining their behavior in bringing children for dental check-ups. **Objective:** This study aimed to determine the relationship between parents' level of knowledge about dental growth and the number of dental visits of children from SDN Sundawenang to Puskesmas Salawu. **Method:** This research used a correlational analytic design with a cross-sectional approach. The sample was obtained using a total sampling technique, utilizing a parental knowledge questionnaire and children's visit data over the past six months. Data analysis was performed using the Spearman Rank test. **Results:** Based on the Spearman Rank test, the p-value obtained was 0.000 ( $p < 0.05$ ) with a correlation coefficient of -0.483, indicating a moderate relationship. **Conclusion:** There is a significant relationship between parents' level of knowledge about children's dental growth and the number of children's dental visits to the community health center.

**Keywords:** parental knowledge, dental growth, child visits, community health center.