

HEALTH EDUCATION ON DIPHTHERIA AT WONOREJO, KARANGANYAR, CENTRAL JAVA

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ABSTRACT

Background: Diphtheria is an infectious disease that has the potential for epidemics. It can cause serious complications and even death. Diphtheria was one of the leading causes of childhood death in the pre-vaccine era. The information about diphtheria is important to prevent undesired events. This study aimed to describe the health education on diphtheria at Wonorejo, in Karanganyar, Central Java.

Subjects and Method: This was a descriptive study conducted at Wonorejo, in Karanganyar, Central Java. A sample of 21 mothers who received the family welfare programme was selected for this study. The theme was health education on diphtheria. Health education about diphtheria was given for 20 minutes followed by 10 minutes discussion.

Results: Health education increased mothers' knowledge and all of them answered post-test correctly.

Conclusion: Health education increases mothers' knowledge about diphtheria.

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