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**DESCRIPTION OF THE PERSONAL HYGIENE KNOWLEDGE OF WREDHA COAST OFFICERS IN SURAKARTA**

**ABSTRACT**

**Background:** Elderly is a process of physical and physiological tissue loss, said the elderly, which is more than 60 years old. Problems that often occur especially in the elderly are difficulties in maintaining personal hygiene. One of the tasks of the nursing home staff is to be able to provide health care to the elderly in the nursing home. Nursing staff only knew how to bathe the elderly, the rest of nursing staff had not yet identified other personal hygiene such as how to care for and clean the ears, how many weeks should be cleaned, cut nails that are good and cause no pain for the elderly. **Purpose:** To find out how the personal hygiene knowledge of nursing home workers in Surakarta is. **Methods:** This research is a descriptive study. The study population was nursing home workers in Surakarta, amounting to 50 officers. The research sample consisted of 50 nursing home workers. The sampling technique used is total sampling technique. Collecting data using questionnaires and data analysis using descriptive techniques. **Results:** Most respondents have a good level of knowledge in the category of 37 respondents (74%) and less than 13 respondents (26%). **Conclusion:** Characteristics of nursing homes in Surakarta most of them are 36-45 years old, female and have high school or vocational education and the level of knowledge about personal hygiene in nursing home workers in Surakarta is mostly good.

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