OVERVIEW THE KNOWLEDGE LEVEL OF ADOLESCENTS ABOUT THE DANGERS OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES FOR HEALTHY AT BHINNEKA WORKS SURAKARTA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

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ABSTRACT

Background: Indonesia is the country with the highest number of adolescent smokers in the world. In 2017, the national socioeconomic survey showed that the population who used e-cigarettes in Indonesia was 4.419.622 people. Initially, the emergence of e-cigarettes was an effort to reduce the tobacco epidemic. Knowledge about the dangers of electronic cigarettes is still little known by adolescents, this can be caused by the lack of exposure of adolescents to information about ecigarettes. **Objective:** Knowing the level of knowledge of adolescents about the dangers of electronic cigarettes for health at SMK Bhinneka Karya Surakarta. *Method:* The method used in this study is quantitative descriptive with a total of 75 respondents and stratified random sampling techniques. The instrument used is a questionnaire. Research: Of the 75 adolescents, most were in the category of sufficient knowledge about the dangers of e-cigarettes a total of 42 (56,0%), 30 (40,0%) were in the less category, and only 3 (4,0%) were in a good category. Conclusion: The description of the level of knowledge of adolescents about the dangers of electronic cigarettes for health at SMK Bhinneka Karya Surakarta in the sufficient category.

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