

**THE APPLICATION OF STORYTELLING PLAY THERAPY TO
REDUCE PAIN LEVELS IN CHILDREN WITH LEUKIMA
AT DR MOEWARDI HOSPITAL SURAKARTA**

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ABSTRACT

Background; Leukemia is a disease caused by the proliferation (growth of immature cells) of abnormal and malignant leukocyte cells. The number of pediatric patients with leukemia in the Flamboyan 9 Room in July 2023 was 47 patients. Based on these conditions, treating pain by providing storytelling play therapy interventions. **Objective;** Knowing the results of the implementation of giving Storytelling Play Therapy to Reducing Pain Levels in Children with Leukemia at Dr Moewardi Hospital Surakarta. **Method;** The application was carried out using a descriptive method with a case study design in children with leukemia who experienced pain. The respondents of this study were 2 pediatric patients with leukemia. The application of storytelling play therapy was carried out for 3 consecutive days. **Results;** Before the application of the two respondents experienced pain with a scale of 5 and a scale of 4, after being given the application of the pain scale to a scale of 2 and a scale of 1. **Conclusion;** There was a decrease in the pain level of children with leukemia after storytelling play therapy was carried out at Dr Moewardi Hospital Surakarta.

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