ABSTRACT

Background. Oral health problems in Indonesia until now still need attention. National rate for dental caries at age 12 years to reach 76.62% with a DMF-T index (Decay Missing-Filled Teeth) an average of 2.4. This clearly indicates the considerable latent problem is lack of awareness and knowledge of dental health in the community. Location of clinic and routine checks that have been carried out by the clinic should be able to decrease the caries index at NU Ma’arif Hassanudin elementary students, but students’ oral health is still poor. Purpose. The aim of this study was to see a description of oral health knowledge of elementary school students NU Ma’arif Hassanudin. Method. The study was conducted in total sampling. primary data collection is to use the questionnaire and the examination of intra oral. Data questionnaires processed into percentage frequency tables and questionnaire data were analyzed by cross tabulation with intra-oral examination data. Results. Most students have some knowledge of oral health is good, mouth hygiene is low and high caries index. Conclusion. Knowledge of oral health is good is not always accompanied by measures to maintain oral health.

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