

**TINGKAT KECEMASAN YANG TERJADI PADA AKHIR
MASA ANAK-ANAK DI SDK PANTI PARAMA PANDAAN
TERHADAP PEMERIKSAAN GIGI**

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ABSTRACT

Background. The main key and most effective way to avoid oral diseases is by prevention, one of them by performing routine checkup to the dentist. Unfortunately fear of dentists is one contributing factor which prevents people to perform routine check up. This of course will have adverse effects on the patient's oral health. Dental examination although commonly not painful can prove stressful for the patient. The majority of people especially children consider dental examination something threatening so they assume that it is something that should be feared and worried about. Anxiety caused dental examination is indentified as dental anxiety. **Purpose.** To determine the anxiety level of children in their late childhood based on personal experince having experienced dental examination. **Method.** This research uses total sampling technique. Subjects are divided into two clusters, the first cluster consisting of children who have had experience in dental examination and the second cluster consisting of children who have no prior experience of dental examination. The two clusters were then given a modified HARS's (Hamilton Anxiety Rating Scale) questionnaire forms regarding dental examinations to fill out. The filled questionnaires of each clusters were then converted into scores, tables, statistical analysis and descriptions which leads to the conclusion of this research. **Result.** There was a significant difference between the two clusters. The second cluster which has no prior experience of dental examination showed a higher level of anxiety compared to the first cluster who have experienced dental examination before hand. **Conclusion.** Anxiety towards dental examination (dental anxiety) which occurs during late childhood is anxiety which is based on personal knowledge of experience.

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