PARENTS' KNOWLEDGE OF ACUTE RESPIRATORY INFECTION (ARI) AMONG TODDLERS AT POSYANDU DUSUN KAMBU, GEMAHARJO VILLAGE, WITHIN THE WORKING AREA OF SLAWE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, WATULIMO DISTRICT, TRENGGALEK REGENCY

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ABSTRACT

Background: Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI) is one of the most common diseases affecting children under five and remains a significant public health problem with a high incidence rate. Limited parental knowledge regarding the causes, signs and symptoms, prevention, and early management of ARI may lead to delayed treatment and increase the risk of complications in children. Therefore, this study was conducted to describe the level of parental knowledge regarding Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI) among parents of children under five at Posyandu Dusun Kambu, within the working area of Slawe Public Health Center, Trenggalek Regency. **Objective:** This study aimed to describe the level of parents' knowledge about Acute Respiratory Infections (ARI) in toddlers at the Posyandu. **Methods:** A quantitative study with a descriptive design was conducted among parents of toddlers. The population consisted of 36 respondents, and 29 respondents were selected using purposive sampling. Data were analyzed using univariate analysis and presented in the form of frequencies and percentages. **Results:** The results showed that 18 respondents (62.1%) had a good level of knowledge about ARIs in toddlers. Most respondents had a senior high school or vocational high school educational background, totaling 21 respondents (72.4%). **Conclusion:** Most parents had good knowledge about ARIs in toddlers. Adequate knowledge may help parents provide appropriate prevention and early management of ARIs in toddlers.

Keywords: Knowledge, Parents, Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI), Toddlers.