**THE INFLUENCE OF HEALTH EDUCATION ON FEMALE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT VULVA HYGIENE IN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL JAMBI**

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**ABSTRACT**

**Introduction:** Vulva hygiene to prevent the impact on reproductive health, namely vaginal discharge. The aim of this study was to determine the effect of health education on knowledge of young women about vulvar hygiene. Methods: Research using a quasi-experimental design with a one group pretest posttest design, carried out from June to November 2018. The number of samples was 34 students in grades VII and VIII of Junior High School in East Tanjab Regency. with Proportional Random Sampling technique. The questionnaire instrument was analyzed univariately and bivariately using the dependent t test. Results: The average knowledge of students in the first measurement was 22.18 with an SD of 2,959, the average knowledge of students in the second measurement was 29.71 with an SD of 2,612. Bivariate analysis obtained p-value = 0.000. Conclusion: Health education can increase the knowledge of young women about vulvar hygiene.

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