Factors Affecting Pregnant Women’s have Nothing in Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission Examination in Public Health Centers of Makassar in 2019

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Introduction

Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is a disease caused by a virus that attacks white blood cells causing a decrease in the immune system, while Acquired Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is a collection of signs or symptoms that will arise due to a decrease in the immune system due to infection by a virus. HIV/AIDS continues to be a major health problem for the global community and requires serious attention because every year the numbers increase [1].

Prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) is part of efforts to control HIV-Acquired Deficiency Syndrome and sexually transmitted infections. In Indonesia, there were 1,805,993 pregnant women who were tested for HIV and there were 5074 (0.28%) pregnant women who were HIV positive.

BACKGROUND: Prevention of mother-to-child Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) transmission or prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) is part of efforts to control HIV-Acquired Deficiency Syndrome and sexually transmitted infections. In Indonesia, there were 1,805,993 pregnant women who were tested for HIV and there were 5074 (0.28%) pregnant women who were HIV positive.

AIM: The purpose of this study was to analyze the factors that influence pregnant women not to conduct a PMTCT examination in Makassar City in 2019.

METHODS: This study was an observational analytic study with cross-sectional design. The sample in this study was 260 pregnant women in the working area of the Sudiang Raya Health Center and Antang Perumnas Makassar City. Data were analyzed using Chi-square test and multiple logistic regressions.

RESULTS: The results showed that education affected pregnant women who did not conduct PMTCT examination with p = 0.013 (p <0.05) with odds ratio = 4.571 and there were some variables that were not significant such as age variable with p = 0.700 (p > 0.05), knowledge p = 0.621 (p > 0.05), perceived susceptibility p = 0.467 (p > 0.05), and perceived severity p = 1000 (p > 0.05).

CONCLUSION: It was concluded that education affects pregnant women who do not conduct PMTCT examinations and for age, knowledge, perceived susceptibility and perceived severity do not affect pregnant women who do not conduct PMTCT examinations in Makassar City.

Globally, HIV incidence has decreased from 0.40/1000 uninfected populations in 2005–0.26 per 1000 uninfected populations in 2016. The African region remains the most affected by HIV, with an incidence rate of 1.24/1000 uninfected populations in 2016. In 2016, an estimated 1 million people died due to HIV-related illnesses, 120,000 of whom were children under the age of 15. The global increase in antiretroviral therapy (ART) has been a major driver of a 48% reduction in HIV-related deaths from a peak of 1.9 million in 2005. In mid-2017, around 20.9 million people received ART. However, ART only reached 53% of people living with HIV at the end of 2016, and rapid response acceleration is needed to increase the scope of care, along with other interventions throughout the service chain, including prevention, diagnosis, and chronic care [3].

According to data on the health profile of South Sulawesi province in 2018 out of 24 cities/regions in South Sulawesi province, Makassar is the highest case of HIV/AIDS, with 772 HIV sufferers and 381 AIDS sufferers. Next is Bone with 77 HIV sufferers and 38
AIDS sufferers and Palopo with 71 HIV sufferers and 54 AIDS sufferers [4].

In recent years, various types of HIV control services in Indonesia have progressed and the number of people using them has also increased so that the goals of HIV control can be implemented. However, there are still several sub parts of the program that have not met the target. Because of the high number of HIV/AIDS cases and the lack of PMTCT coverage, the study aims to analyze the factors affecting pregnant women who did not conduct PMTCT examinations at Puskesmas Sudiang Raya and Antang Perumnas Makassar City in 2019.

Materials and Methods

This type of research is an observational analytic study with the research design used is cross-sectional study. This research was conducted in the Sudiang Raya Health Center and Antang Perumnas Makassar City in September 2019.

The population in this study were all pregnant women who did ANC in January-July 2019 in the working area of the Sudiang Raya Health Center as many as 605 pregnant women and Puskesmas Antang Perumnas as many as 413 pregnant women. The samples in the study were 260 respondents divided by 155 respondents in the Sudiang Raya Community Health Center and 105 in the Antang Public Health Center.

Data collection was carried out by distributing questionnaires that were prepared in accordance with the objectives of the study given to respondents selected as research samples at the Sudiang Raya Health Center and the Antang Perumnas Health Center.

Data analysis techniques using univariate analysis, bivariate analysis with Chi-square test and multivariate analysis with multiple logistic regression in the SPSS For Windows Program.

Results

Table 1 shows the characteristics of respondents consisting of age and education. Most respondents in the age group <20–35 years old were 222 (85.3%), while 38 respondents (14.7%) were in the age group >35 years. For education variables, the most respondents were high school education as many as 130 respondents (50.0%), while the fewest respondents who were not in school were 1 respondent (0.4%).

Table 2 shows the distribution of respondents based on research variables. Distribution of respondents based on PMTCT status, most respondents who were PMTCT were 247 (95.0%) while respondents who were not PMTCT were 13 (5.0%). Distribution of respondents based on age mostly at young age as many as 223 respondents (85.5%), while respondents at old age were 37 respondents (14.2%). Distribution of respondents based on education mostly in higher education as many as 215 respondents (82.7%), while respondents who had low education were 45 respondents (17.3%). Distribution of respondents based on knowledge most of the knowledgeable enough is 235 respondents (90.4%), while respondents who lack knowledge are 25 respondents (9.6%). Distribution of respondents based on the perceived susceptibility most of the respondents with enough perceived susceptibility is 248 respondents (95.4%), while respondents with less perceived susceptibility are 12 respondents (4.6%). Distribution of respondents based on the perceived severity most of the respondents with enough perceived severity is 240 respondents (92.3%), while respondents with a perceived severity are less as many as 20 respondents (7.7%).

Table 3 shows the distribution of respondents based on research variables on the PMTCT examination. Respondents who experienced PMTCT were more likely to occur at a young age, as many as 12 respondents (5.4%) compared to respondents who were older, namely, 1 respondent (2.7%) with a p > 0.05. Respondents who experienced PMTCT were more likely to be respondents with tertiary education as many as seven respondents (3.3%) compared to low education respondents, that is, as many as six respondents (13.3%) with p < 0.05. Respondents who experienced PMTCT were more likely to have sufficient knowledge, namely, as many as 13 respondents (5.5%) compared
to respondents who lacked knowledge with a value of p > 0.05. Respondents who did not PMTCT were more likely to have experienced perceived susceptibility, namely, as many as 12 respondents (4.8%) compared to respondents who were less susceptible perceptions, namely, as many as 1 respondent (8.3%) with a p > 0.05. Respondents who did not have PMTCT were more likely to have sufficient perceived severity, as many as 12 respondents (5.0%) compared to respondents with less perceived severity, namely, as many as 1 respondent (5.0%) with a p > 0.05.

Table 4 shows the conclusions of multivariate analysis with multiple logistic regressions of the five independent variables entered into the test simultaneously only education has a consistent significance. Hence, it can be concluded that education with an odds ratio value of 4.571 > 1 is a risk factor with a lower-upper value = 1458–14,334, which means pregnant women with low education are 4 times more likely to have sufficient perceived severity, as many as 12 respondents (4.8%) compared to respondents who lack knowledge with a value of p > 0.05.

Discussions

This study shows that there are several factors that do not affect pregnant women undergoing PMTCT examinations. Where there are several factors including education, age, knowledge, perception of vulnerability, and perception of severity.

This research shows that education influences pregnant women who do not conduct PMTCT examinations in Makassar City. Education is the last formal education ever completed by respondents. The high level of education causes pregnant women to be compliant with examinations in pregnancy, including screening for HIV/AIDS. Likewise, highly educated mothers will check their pregnancy in an orderly manner while maintaining the health condition of herself and the fetus it contains. The education of respondents in this study is good but higher education does not necessarily describe the acceptance of pregnant women toward PMTCT examinations.

This study is not in line with the research of Halim [5], the results of bivariate analysis showed that a statistical test with a significance level of 5% was obtained p = 0.550, which means that statistically there was no relationship between education and HIV examination behavior. Research Setiyawati and Meilani [6] is not in line with this study that there is no relationship between the levels of education with HIV test behavior in pregnant women. This study is in line with the study of Umar and Erni [7] which concluded that there was a significant relationship between education and the acceptance of HIV testing by pregnant women.

This study also showed that age, knowledge, perceived susceptibility, and perceived severity did not affect pregnant women who did not conduct PMTCT examinations in Makassar City. For the age variable, age is the length of life that passed from the time of birth until the time of the study. The age of respondents in this study is 17 years and the lowest is 45 years.

For the knowledge variable, the knowledge referred to in this study includes knowledge about behavior that has the potential to transmit HIV/AIDS, body fluids that can transmit HIV/AIDS, ways to find out someone infected with HIV/AIDS, HIV counseling and testing, PMTCT services, how to prevent HIV transmission from a pregnant woman to her fetus. For the respondents’ knowledge, most of them are knowledgeable, but sufficient knowledge cannot be used as a benchmark for someone taking an HIV test themselves. This study is not in line with research conducted by Arniti et al. [8] which shows that there is a relationship between knowledge of pregnant women and the acceptance of HIV testing. This study is in line with Fatimah and Hati [9] which concluded that there is no relationship between the levels of knowledge of pregnant women about HIV/AIDS with PITC examination behavior in pregnant women at the Sleman Yogyakarta Public Health Center.

For the susceptibility variable, perceived susceptibility is not a factor that influences a person to conduct PMTCT examination. This is because respondents already know that HIV/AIDS is an incurable disease so that respondents feel the need to conduct PMTCT examinations. This study is in line with the study of Wenny et al. [10], there is no relationship between
susceptibility perceptions with HIV testing in pregnant women. Legiati et al. [11], there is a relationship between perceived susceptibility with test behavior.

For the severity variable, a person who has sufficient perceived severity about an illness is not always in line with the behavior in his life [11], [12], [13], [14]. This can be influenced by environmental factors that are driving so that someone is motivated to adopt healthy behaviors. This study is in line with Wenny et al. [10] perceived severity not significantly related to HIV test behavior in pregnant women. This study is not in line with the research of Arniti et al. [8] obtained a significant relationship between the perceived severity with the acceptance of HIV testing by pregnant women.

**Recommendation**

It is expected that an increase in information and education communication (IEC) communication services for health workers regarding HIV and PMTCT information so that pregnant women have additional knowledge about HIV and PMTCT especially pregnant women with education who are not in school and have completed primary school.

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