

THE EFFECT OF CARING OF NURSE TO MEDICATION ADHERENCE OF TB PATIENT IN THE WORK AREA OF PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER OF MA'RANG IN PANGKEP

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ABSTRACT

Background: Tuberculosis (TB) is a disease caused by the bacterium *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. This bacterium is able to live for months in a cool and dark place, especially in humid places. TB germs can cause infection in the lungs so that it is called pulmonary tuberculosis. If TB patients do not routinely take medication, treatment must be restarted from the beginning. **Objective:** The purpose of this study was to determine the relationship of caring nurses to medication adherence in TB patients in the working area of Ma'rang District Health Center Pangkep. **Method:** This study is a correlative analysis using the Cross-Sectional Study design. The number of samples in this study was 64 respondents using purposive sampling technique in accordance with predetermined sample criteria. **Result:** Test analysis using Chi-Square Test with an error tolerance of 5% (0.05%). The results showed that 53 respondents (82.8%) out of a total of 64 people said that they treated nurses well, and also 53 respondents (82.8%) were obedient in taking drugs. The results of the statistical analysis showed a caring nurse (p -value 0.002) $< \alpha$ 0.05. **Conclusion** of this study is that there is a significant relationship between caring nurses to medication adherence in TB patients in the Ma'rang District Health Center work area Pangkep

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