



THE INFLUENCE OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ACUPRESSURE THERAPY ADOLESCENT GIRLS

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Abstract

Background: Based on data from the World Health Organization (WHO) in 2020, the incidence of dysmenorrhoea was 1769,425 (90%) women suffering from dysmenorrhoea, with 10-16% suffering from severe dysmenorrhoea. The incidence of dysmenorrhea in the world is very high. On average, more than 50% of women suffer from it (Herawati, 2021). Dysmenorrhea is one of the many gynecological problems, which affects most women and if left untreated causes the inability to carry out activities every month. Research Objectives: This study aims to determine the effect of the effectiveness of acupressure therapy on dysmenorrhea in adolescent girls at Karya Bangsa Vocational School, Tangerang City. Research Method: This research is a pre-experimental quantitative research which aims to determine the effect of acupressure therapy at the switch point on dysmenorrhea pain inteenage female students at Karya Bangsa Vocational School, Tangerang City. The samplesize used in this research was based on the type of experimental research. In this research, the sample size used was 38 respondents. This research uses a formula according to (Arikunto, 2014) Research Results: Based on the results of the Wilcoxone Signed Ranks Test statistical teston pain levels, significant results were obtained, p value = 0.000 < 0.05. The results of this analysis show that acupressure therapy has an effect on reducing the dysmenorrhea pain scale. Conclusions and Suggestions: There is an effect of providing acupressure therapy on dysmenorrhea in young women at Karya Bangsa Vocational School, Tangerang City. It ishoped that it can develop seminar and training programs on non-pharmacological therapy, especially acupressure for nurses or other health workers.

Keywords: Acupressure Therapy, Dysmenorrhea,

Introduction

During puberty, a woman's age ranges from twelve to twenty-five years. There are two phases in a woman's menstrual cycle: the early stage and the late stage. "Early adolescence" refers to children aged 12–16 years and "late adolescence" refers to children aged 17–25 years (MOH RI, 2019). Adolescence is sometimes referred to as puberty. This is a period of developmental transition between childhood and adulthood. Rapid physical, cognitive, social, and emotional changes occur during puberty, and puberty is just one of many changes that occur during this time. As one of the physical changes that occurs during puberty, menstruation is a sign that a woman is experiencing a period of reproductive organ dysfunction (Hockenberry & Wilson, 2019).

The menstrual period is marked by a full discharge of menstrual blood from the vaginal opening, as well as other symptoms generally associated with menstruation. Egg cells that do not meet sperm are at fertilization and the egg cells together with the inner uterine wall will shed or fall off and exit through the vagina, indicating that the woman has reached puberty (Ministry of Health of the Republic of Indonesia, 20019; Mahfiana, et al, 2019). The first menstrual period usually occurs between the ages of

12 and 16 years for most women (Saryono, 2011). This period will include actions from several angles, such as psychology, physiology, etc. (Kusmiran, 2021). Menstruation is a physiological process that occurs in the reproductive system. Malfunctioning of the reproductive system can result in bleeding during menstruation (dyseminorrhea) (Shaleh, 2017).

Subjective disconnection is characterized by unpleasant sensory and emotional experiences (Muttaqin, 2018). As a woman who has experienced menorrhea (Wong, 2011)

In women, dysmenorrhea can occur either at the beginning or during menstruation, without any obvious pathology and is usually accompanied by cramps. According to Agussafutri (2017). The first menstrual period, also known as period pain or dysmenorrhea, is experienced by most women without menstrual cramps, and is more common in first-year college students. Like symptomatic disorders, dysmenorrhea is a disorder that appears and can cause discomfort, like diseases of this nature (Fitria, 2020).

One of the processes that occurs during menstruation is the transition from polyphase to interphase, namely the gradual secretion of endometrial prostaglandin levels which can oppose the concentration of the myometrium, causing chemical changes followed by the release of the hormone progesterone. levels in the last phase of the luteal phase. This causes tenderness on the outside of the uterus before, during and after delivery (Fitria, 2020). Compared to women who do not menstruate, those who menstruate have the ability to produce prostaglandins 10 times more often. In most cases, the pain is located before or even during menstruation. The color of the enlarged rash is usually described as pink just before or during menstruation, which usually begins between two to four days before menstruation (Wulanda, 2020). Menstrual pain or also called dysmenorrhea is divided into two types: primary and secondary. Priming dysmenorrhea is a genital organ without abnormalities. Primordial dyspareunia can increase the amplitude and frequency of uterine contractions due to excessive prostaglandin hormones.

The most common symptom of menorrhoea is bloating or gas under the skin that causes an unpleasant sensation. Depression, headaches, acne, tension, lethargy, nausea, vomiting, irritability, seizures, weight gain, flatulence, back pain, bloating, discomfort during dysmenorrhea. This celebration starts the day before the holiday and continues for two days until the holiday ends (Fitria, 2020).

The administration method can be classified into pharmaceutical or non-pharmaceutical (Hyde, 2017). One effective pharmaceutical treatment for primary dysmenorrhea is a prostaglandin synthesis inhibitor, such as naproxen (Naprosyn), ibuprofen (Motrin), or amefenamic acid (Ponstel) (Sinclair, 2020). Manual therapy such as acupuncture, kupunter, acupressure, relaxation, and air hanging is a non-pharmacological approach to childbirth (Potter & Perry, 2018).

One non-pharmacological treatment that can reduce swelling is acupressure (Waluyo, 2018). Orpressure is an ancient healing art that uses fingers to gradually press certain points on the body, stimulating the body's ability to heal itself naturally. The body will relax, blood flow will increase, the body's life force and energy will also increase, helping speed up healing of dysmenorrhea pain. (Wong, 2021)

Based on data from the World Health Organization (WHO) in 2020, "the incidence of dysmenorrhoea is 1769,425 (90%) women suffering from dysmenorrhea, with 10-16% suffering from severe dysmenorrhoea, the incidence of dysmenorrhoea in the world is very high with an average of more than 50% women suffer from it" (Herawati, 2021).

In Indonesia, the incidence of dysmenorrhoea is 64.25%, consisting of 54.89% primary dysmenorrhoea and 9.36% secondary dysmenorrhoea. Over the past 50 years, 75% of women have experienced menstrual cramps. Symptoms of primary dysmenorrhoea usually appear in women of childbearing age and women who have never been pregnant. (Indonesia, 2022).

Discomfort is most common in women aged 20–25 years, and 61% of these women are unmarried (Reeder, 2020). Nearly half of the female population in Indonesia suffers from mild to moderate

dehydration. On the other hand, the left side experiences mild pain of moderate intensity, which sometimes causes the patient to feel numb (in enduring the pain). Every six minutes, one of the girls has to miss school because she is menstruating. It was revealed that 13% of girls experienced a decline in school attendance. This is considered important because of the high academic value. (Kemendikbud, 2017).

At Karya Bangsa Vocational School, which is an educational institution with secondary vocational school education, it has 126 female students starting from classes X, XI and XII. Based on a preliminary study conducted by researchers on November 11 2023 at Karya Bangsa Vocational School, there were 87 female students who experienced primary dysmenorrhea with symptoms of pain/cramps in the lower abdomen to the hips and as many as 10 students experienced dysmenorrhea with complaints of not being able to carry out activities as usual and 29 students did not have complaints of dysmenorrhea. From the data above, researchers are interested in conducting research on the influence of the effectiveness of acupressure therapy on dysmenorrhea in adolescent girls at Karya Bangsa Vocational School, Tangerang City in 2023.

Research Methods

Researchers use pre-experimental studies, where the pre-experimental design maximizes the relationship between variables due to circumstances in which the intervention is not feasible in the same way as the actual experiment (Wood & Habber, 2019). The pre-experimental design must be flexible to minimize the impact of setbacks (Haryati, 2019). This research uses a single group approach using a pretest and posttest design only. The one group approach only refers to one intervention group without any other intervention groups. (Wood & Habber, 2018)

Research Result

- 1. Univariate Analysis
 - a. Description of the characteristics of female students at Karya Bangsa Vocational School, Tangerang City

This analysis was carried out to obtain the characteristics of the respondents in this study, namely young women at Karya Bangsa Vocational School in 2023. The results of the analysis are as follows

Table 5.1 Description of Respondent Characteristics (Age, Religion, Ethnicity and Class) of female students at Karya Bangsa Vocational School, Tangerang City.

No	Variabel	Frequency	Percentage (%)
1	Age		
	13-15	9	23.7%
	16-18	29	76.3%
	Total	38	100%
2	Religion		
	Islam	38	100%
	Chiristian	0	0%
	Hindu	0	0%
	Buddha	0	0%
	Total	38	100%
3	Tribes		
	Java	10	26.3%
	Sunda	13	34.2%
	Malay	3	7.9%
	Batak	6	15.8%

	Betawi	6	15.8%	
	Total	38	100%	
4	Class			
	X	14	36.8%	
	XI	10	26.3%	
	XII	14	36.8%	
	Total	38	100%	

Based on the table above, the results obtained are the distribution of Respondent Characteristics, namely 16-18 years old, 29 respondents (76.3%), mostly Muslims (100%), Sundanese mostly (34.2%), and Classes X, XII mostly 14 respondents (36.8%).

b. The scale of dysmenorrhea in female students at KaryaBangsa Vocational School Tangerang City before being given acupressure intervention at the sacred point

This analysis was carried out to obtain the level of pain before being given acupressure therapy for dysmenorrhea in adolescent girls at Karya Bangsa Vocational School in 2023. The results of the analysis are as follows:

Table 5. 2 Frequency Distribution of Dysminorrhea Pain Levels in adolescent girls before acupressure therapy

1	10	
Pain Level	F	%
No Painful	4	10.5
Mild Pain	9	23.7
Moderate Pain	12	31.6
Severe Pain	13	34.2
Total	38	100

Source: Primary Data

Based on table 5.2, it is known that the frequency distribution of pain levels before being given acupressure therapy for dysmenorrhea in adolescent girls at Karya Bangsa Vocational School in 2023, the majority of respondents had severe pain, 13 people (34.2%).

c. The scale of dysmenorrhea in female students at Karya Bangsa Vocational School, Tangerang City after being given acupressure intervention at the sacred point

This analysis was carried out to obtain the level of pain after being given acupressure therapy for dysmenorrhea in adolescent girls at Karya Bangsa Vocational School in 2023. The results of the analysis are as follows:

Table 5.3 Frequency Distribution of Dysminorrhea Pain Levels in adolescent girls after acupressure therapy

	10	
Pain Level	F	%
No Painful	10	26.3
Mild Pain	19	50
Moderate Pain	9	23.7
Total	38	100

Source: Primary Data

Based on table 5.3, it is known that the frequency distribution of pain levels after being given acupressure therapy for dysmenorrhea in adolescent girls at Karya Bangsa Vocational School in 2023, the majority of respondents had mild pain, 19 people (50%).

2. Bivariate Analysis

The results of the data normality test showed that the pain level data during the pre-test obtained a p value = 0.226. In the pain level data during the post test, the p value = 0.035. In the post test pain level, the p value was <0.05, which means the data was not normally distributed. Because the data was not normally distributed, it did not meet the requirements for a dependent T test (paired samples t-test), so the Wilcoxon signed ranks test was carried out.

a. The influence and effectiveness of acupressure therapy at switch points for dysmenorrhea

This analysis was carried out to obtain the level of pain before and after being given acupressure therapy for dysmenorrhea in adolescent girls at Karya Bangsa Vocational School in 2023. The results of the analysis are as follows:

Table 5.4 The Effect of Providing Acupressure Therapy on Dysmenorrhea in Adolescent Girls at Karva Bangsa Vocational School in 2023

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Posttest-	N	Mean	Sum of	Nilai <i>P</i>
Pretest		Rank	Ranks	Value
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Negative	27 ^a	14.00	.00	0,000
Ranks				
Positif	0_{p}	.00		
Ties	11 ^c			
Total	38 ^d			

Source: Wilcoxon signed ranks test

Based on table 5.4, the results of data analysis of category results were tested using the Wilcoxon test. There were 27 young women who experienced a decrease in pain, an increase of 0, and there were still 11 young women. Sig (p) = $0.000 < \alpha = 0.05$. This means that there is an influence of acupressure therapy on female adolescent dysmenorrhea at Karya Bangsa Vocational School in 2023.

Discussion

Interpretation and results of the discussion

Interpretation of the results of this research clarifies the discussion and analysis of research results and compares them with previous research or theories that support or contradict new information. Management of dysmenorrhea includes experience of treating dysmenorrhea with ethnic interpretation and description of the respondent's dysmenorrhea pain scale. The second research objective in accordance with the research objectives and hypotheses is to determine the effectiveness of acupressure treatment in reducing the size of dysmenorrhea pain in adolescent female students at Karya Bangsa Tangerang Vocational School.

1. Characteristics of respondents based on ethnicity

Ethnicity is one of the things that can influence parents in teaching children how to express and respond to pain. There are more than 300 ethnic groups in Indonesia or to be precise 1,340 ethnic groups according to the 2020 BPS census. The largest proportion of ethnic characteristics of respondents in this study is Sundanese (34.2%) and Javanese (26.3%). In this case, the Sundanese tribe occupies the highest ethnic group, reaching 30% of the total population. Sundanese people mostly gather in West Java, but millions of people have transmigrated and spread across various islands of the archipelago and even abroad, Javanese, Batak, and the next largest Betawi tribe.

2. Description of the respondent's dysmenorrhea before therapy

Scalar analysis of respondents' dysmenorrhea pain showed that on average before acupressure intervention was carried out, 34.2% of respondents experienced severe pain, which affected 13 respondents. The results of this study are almost entirely in line with research conducted in Banda Aceh in 2019 regarding cases of dysmenorrhea which were mostly reported by respondents aged between 7 and 9 years or were at the bottom of the pain scale with a frequency score of 37 female students or higher. They also showed the results of research conducted by Murtiningsih in the Cimahi area in 2014 on 18 teenagers who experienced dysmenorrhea which showed that the average dysmenorrhea experienced by teenagers was 6.5 before implementing the intervention. This research was conducted by Damisah and Lismarni in Bukit Tinggi in 2013, where eighteen teenagers who experienced mild cognitive impairment were assessed using the Visual Analog Scale which had a deviation threshold of 2.437.

3. Description of the respondent's dysmenorrhea after therapy

The pain scale after giving acupressure intervention therapy for dysmenorrhea in young women at Karya Bangsa Vocational School with the results of the analysis was from severe pain to mild pain for 19 people (50%). Similar research regarding the effect of acupressure therapy carried out by Sri, et al. 2015 at Undavana University on 15 students with severe dysmenorrhea pain showed that the pain scale before the intervention was given was 5.73 while after the intervention it was 2.73. Another acupressure therapy was given to 9 young women who experienced dysmenorrhea. In 2013, the Mataram Ministry of Health Polytechnic Nursing Department explained that the average pain scale before the acupressure intervention was given was 4.78, while after the intervention was given it was 2.67 (Mardiatun, 2013). Other research regarding acupressure therapy is applied to young women who experienced dysmenorrhea in 27 respondents at SMPN 5 and SMPN 13 Pekanbaru in 2018, explaining that the average pain before acupressure intervention was 4.22 and after acupressure intervention it was 3.19 (Oswati, 2018). Research on acupressure therapy can be concluded that the average dysmenorrhea scale becomes mild after the intervention is given. The cause of this difference in size is due to the effect of breast pressure on the body's production of endorphins. Endorphins are natural endogenous chemicals that make the body feel good. The release of endorphins is controlled by the nervous system. Sensitivity to external stimuli is high enough that it can be detected with acupressure techniques, and can also be used to activate the endothelial system to release some endorphins according to the body's needs. This is what causes the scale difference to become smaller every time the experiment is carried out. (Hasanah, 2018)

4. Effectiveness of acupressure therapy for dysmenorrhea

The results of the normality test on the dysmenorrhea data set are the average between pre- and post-acute pressure interventions. The results of statistical analysis using the acupressure method showed that there was a significant influence on the degree of dyssentropy before and after the intervention. One of the significant findings is research on the application of acupressure to adolescent girls who experience dysmenorrhea (Efriyarnhi, 2015). Similar research was also reported with respondents who were not given acupressure intervention, showing that there was a significant effect of acupressure therapy on dysmenorrhea pain (Hasanah, 2018). This analysis, which began with previous research from the University of Riau regarding acupressure therapy, can effectively reduce the degree of dysmenorrhea pain in respondents who experience primary or severe dysmenorrhea (Julianti, 2014)

Additional research conducted at the Pitri MA Asy-Syifa Dormitory in the city of Blik Papan in 2015 showed that acupressure therapy could significantly reduce the amount of skin damage experienced by young women suffering from skin diseases. primary and severe dysmenorrhea (Nurhayati, 2015).

The results of the analysis regarding the effectiveness of acupressure therapy were proven by bivariate analysis of the results of the data normality test, in the pre-test data, a p value = 0.226 was obtained for the pain level at post-test. test obtained a p value = 0.035. For the post-test pain level, the p value was <0.05, which means the data was not normally distributed, so it did not meet the requirements for the dependent T test (pair sample t-test), so the Wilcoxone signed ranks test was carried out. With the results, it can be seen that the level of pain in respondents before giving acupressure therapy to 38 female students with a mean value of 1.89 with a minimum value of 0 and a maximum value of 3. The mean value in this study after giving acupressure therapy was 0.97 with a minimum value 0 and the maximum value is 2. Based on the results of the Wilcoxone Signed Ranks Test on pain levels, the results obtained were significant, p value = 0.000 < 0.05. The results of this analysis show that acupressure therapy has an effect on reducing the dysmenorrhea pain scale.

The reason is that the effectiveness of the acupressure treatment above is that it can reduce the sensory perception of pain through the release of endorphins, which are hormones that easily cause a tingling sensation in the body. Accurate pressure maintenance has several benefits. First, anxiety treatment can reduce the intensity of negative emotions (distraction), causing a person's attention to be diverted from their own feelings. Second, although this has never been done before, maintaining an appropriate level of pressure is necessary to be able to participate in the instructions provided. (Krishnanda)

Conclusion

Research on the effectiveness of acupressure therapy in reducing the intensity of dysmenorrhea in female students carried out at SMK Karya Tangerang City, researchers came to several conclusions:

- 1. The description based on ethnicity shows that of all 38 respondents, there were 13 respondents (34.2%) who came from the Sundanese tribe, 10 respondents (26.3%) came from the Javanese tribe, 6 respondents (15.8%) came from the Batak tribe, 6 respondents (15.8%) came from the Batak tribe, and 3 respondents (7.9%) came from the Malay tribe.
- 2. Description of each respondent's dysmenorrhea before acupressure was performed on the sacral point. On the dysmenorrhea scale, most of those experiencing severe dysmenorrhea pain were still able to carry out their activities (34.2%), moderate pain was (31.6%), mild pain was (23.7%), and did not experience pain as much as (10.5). %)
- 3. The description of dysmenorrhea for each respondent after acupressure therapy at the sacral point is: Mild pain (50%), no pain (26.3%), pain as much as (23.7%). Which means it can be concluded that there is an effective effect after receiving this acupressure therapy.
- 4. The effectiveness value of acupressure therapy at this sacred point can be seen from the mean value obtained before carrying out the intervention, namely 1.89 with a minimum value of 0 and a maximum value of 3. And the mean value after acupressure therapy is 0.97 with a minimum value of 0 and a maximum value 2. Which means that there is an influence of acupressure therapy on dysmenorrhea in young women at Karya Bangsa Vocational School in 2023

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