



LEVEL OF ANXIETY AND INCIDENCE OF HYPERTENSION IN ELDERLY AT GAPURANA VILLAGE TALANGO SUMENEP

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ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND : Hypertension is one of the most common diseases in developing countries such Indonesia. Some researcher said hypertension happens if after several measurements, the blood pressure value remained high, with systolic blood pressure ≥ 140 mmHg and diastolic blood pressure ≥ 90 mmHg. Elderly people who have hypertension are at the big risk of experiencing anxiety compared to elderly people who don't have hypertension. The purpose of this study was to determine the relationship between anxiety levels and the incidence of hypertension on the elderly in Gapurana Village, Talango, Sumenep.

SUBJECT AND METHODE : Method of this research is Cross Sectional approach. The population in this study were all elderly who suffer from hypertension as many as 56 people and the sample of this study was elderly who suffer from hypertension with a total of 36 people, with the sampling technique using purposive sampling. The independent variable in this study is the levels of anxiety while the dependent variable is the incidence of hypertension on the elderly.

RESULTS : The results of the study between the levels of anxiety and the incidence of hypertension on the elderly showed that most of the elderly experienced mild anxiety are 20 people (55.5%) and most of the elderly suffered stage 1 of hypertension are 20 people (55.5%). The results of statistical tests using the Spearman Test obtained ρ value = 0,000 ($\rho < 5$ 0.05), so H_0 was rejected and H_1 was accepted, which that means there was a relationship between anxiety levels and the incidence of hypertension on the elderly in Gapurana Village, Talango.

DISCUSSION : Therefore, the elderly who suffer from hypertension and experience anxiety, should be more responsive in controlling hypertension by maintaining a healthy lifestyle and also interacting with the surrounding environment so that they do not always feel anxious about their condition about health problems.

Keywords: Anxiety, Hypertension Incidence.

INTRODUCTION

Elderly is an individual aging process marked by increasing age that make a changing in organ function such as brain, heart, liver and kidney and at the same time tissue disfunctions are increase. The number of elderly in Indonesia is increasing which means that it will bring seious problems physically or psychosocially. Individual are said to be elderly if they are 65 or older. Old age is not a problem, but it is a life proccess characterized by body disfunction to adapt to the social environment. An old age are said to be the final stage of life. Everyone will experienced the so-called aging process and the body function can not run normally.

Elderly who experience health problems will cause unexplained fears continuously, making them think that they are no longer able to do their daily activity that will make them feel disturbed, lonely, sad, depressed, affraid or even anxious. Anxiety is a mental health problem that is often arises for individual, especially in the elderly. Fear and anxiety in the elderly will indirectly lead to psychological problems, where the elderly will feel stressed about their condition so that it can cause new, more serious problems such as hypertension which is more common in elderly.



Hypertension is common in elderly. Hypertension is also known as silent killer with unknown etiology. Hypertension or high blood pressure is a condition of individuals who have a history of blood pressure above normal, causing the risk of morbidity and mortality.

According to the data from World Health Organization (WHO), there were about 972 million of people or 26.4% people are suffering hypertension worldwide. This number is likely to increase to 19.2% in 2025. There were 333 million people with hypertension who lived in developed countries, including Indonesia. The prevalence of hypertension increases with age. The number increases as much as 7% at age 25 – 34 years old, 16% at age 33 – 44 years old and increasing reach to 29% in the age 60 years or more (WHO, 2011).

Based on the data of Riskesdas on East Java the prevalence of hypertension reached 26.2%. The highest prevalence of hypertension is found in the age older than 75 years old as much as 62.4% (BPPK Ministry of Health, 2013). Prevalence of hypertension in elderly in Sumenep in 2014 were 17,621 people with highest prevalence at the age 60 – 69 years old. Based on the data in 2017 at the Puskesmas Talango there were about 118 people with hypertension aged 45-59 years old, while for people aged 60 years old or over as many as 171 people.

Based on preliminary surveys conducted during interviews in the village of Gapurana, Talango District, out of 10 elderly people who have hypertension, there are 5 elderly people who say that they are more sensitive, irritable, dizzy, easily offended by other people's words, and there are 3 elderly always asking about his current illness. Besides that, there were 2 elderly people who said that they were fed up with their illnesses so they did not take their illness seriously. Elderly with hypertension often experienced anxiety, because they thought they could not accomplish their daily activities as usual.

Anxiety is very influential in the elderly with hypertension, since it causes narrowing blood vessels so that the blood pressure increases and exceeds the normal limit. About 90% etiology of hypertension is unknown and it is known as essential hypertension. Even though the etiology is known, there are several theories that say that hypertension is caused by genetic factors, hormonal changes and sympathetic changes. While secondary hypertension refers to hypertension caused by health problems or certain diseases (Arif Muttaqin, 2009).

Elderly's health status will return to normal if the elderly could manage the etiologic factors. However, psychological factors are significantly affected the preventing process of hypertension. Physical ability will frighten the elderly and could make them feel anxious since the illness suffered cannot be cured as before and even worsened and the hope for recovery is decreasing. As the elderly get anxious they will feel uncomfortable, afraid and even panic and start to think negatively about surrounding environment.

Hypertension in elderly can be minimized by avoiding the factors that can lead to hypertension such as regulating healthy life style and eating patterns, regulating weight loss, limiting alcohol, sodium, tobacco, reducing excessive salt consumption and exercise to reduce anxiety. Anxiety in elderly could be relieved by doing some relaxation techniques like breathing exercise which is conducted to reduce anxiety and also music therapy in order to make them feel peaceful and more prosperous (Arif Muttaqin, 2009).

Based on the interview and finding about the incidence of hypertension in Gapurana village Talango district, the researcher is interested in conducting study "Correlation Between Anxiety Level and The Incidence of Hypertension in Gapurana village, Talango district Sumenep. The study is expected to be one of the efforts to prevent or reduce anxiety level in the elderly with hypertension and maintain quality of life of the elderly.

METHOD

This study is an analytical study conducted with a cross-sectional approach. The study involving 36 respondents taken by purposive sampling. The data were taken by questionnaire then analyzed by Spearman rho statistical test.



RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Gapurana village is one of 8 villages or subdistrict which is located in the east of the Talango District area. The boundaries of the Gapurana Village in the Talango District are as follows :

1. North side : bordering the sea
2. East side : bordering Palasa Village
3. Southern side : bordering Cabbiya Village and Essang Village
4. West side : bordering the village of Talango

The distance to the capital district is about 5 km and the total area of Gapurana Village is 894,489 ha.

Tabel 1. Respondent's Characteristic in Gapurana Village Talango District Sumenep (April, 2019)

Characteristic	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Age (years old)		
61 - 63	12	33,3
64 - 66	11	30,5
67 - 69	3	8,3
70 - 72	2	5,5
73 - 75	2	5,5
76 - 78	6	16,6
Gender		
Male	9	25
Female	27	75
Marital Status		
Single	0	0
Married	36	100
Educational Level		
Uneducated	24	66,6
Elementary school	12	33,3
Occupation		
Unoccupied	5	13,8
Trader	10	27,7
Farmer	21	58,3
Total	36	100

According to the data the result study show that majority of respondents experiencing mild anxiety. This condition is affected by respondents occupational status. According to the table 1 it can be seen that most respondents work as farmer. Working as a farmer making the respondents feel no worry about their life because their energy is spent to do their activity on a farm. The activity could distract them from anxiety.

Previous study conducted by Octavianus (2018) titled "Correlation of Hypertension and Level Anxiety in Elderly in Elderly Health Center in Bajarejo Ngantang, Malang" revealed that 51% respondents has moderate anxiety, 36.1% has mild anxiety and 13,9% has severe anxiety.

Researcher opinion stated that anxiety experienced by the elderly in Gapurana is due to the ignorance about the illness so that they keep thinking about and questioning the health problem that are coming to occur. Occupation and age are belief to become the etiology of anxiety. Individuals whose age is 60 years and over, it is definitely experiencing their inability to socialize with the surrounding environment, causing the elderly to be depressed and silent. This situation will make them feel fear and anxiety.



Table 2. Correlation Between Level of Anxiety and Incidence of Hypertension In Elderly at Gapurana Village (April, 2019)

Level of Anxiety	Hypertension						Total	
	Stage 1 Hypertension		Stage 2 Hypertension		Stage 3 Hypertension		Σ	%
	Σ	%	Σ	%	Σ	%		
Mild anxiety	19	95	1	5	0	0	20	100
Moderate anxiety	1	11,11	6	66,67	2	22,22	9	100
Severe anxiety	0	0	0	0	7	100	7	100
Total	20	55.6	7	19,4	9	25.0	36	100

Correlation is significant at the 0,01 level (2 tailed)

The elderly who experience problems like that feel confused about the condition. So the researcher suggest the elderly to do more activity outside such as helping other elderly who are farming, looking for the cows that are being raised so that the health problem that occur and cause anxiety does not always hunt.

According to the data of result study 55,6% respondents are experiencing stage 1 hypertension. Hypertension of elderly in Gapurana is most likely influenced by factor such as the age since it can be seen from blood pressure observation that elderly with hypertension are likely 61-63 years old.

Hypertension is silent killer. It can trigger other disease such as stroke, heart disease and kidney failure that lead to mortality. Blood pressure will arise as individuals get older. Individuals age 60 years old and above, usually has blood pressure higher or equal to 140/90 mmHg.

Previous study conducted by Octavianus (2018) titled "Correlation of Hypertension and Level Anxiety in Elderly in Eldery Health Center in Bajarejo Ngantang, Malang" show that 5 respondents is having stage 2 hypertension, 13 respondents is having stage 1 hypertension and 8 elderly is having stage 3 hypertension.

It is assume that hypertension of elderly in Gapurana is due to the age and unhealthy life style. As the people get older the blood pressure is arise due to decreasing of organ function and become abnormal so it lead to hypertension. Unhealthy lifestyle is also lead to hypertension. Lifestyle management such as doing body exercise, stop smoking, stop drinking alcohol and limited salty food could minimize hypertension.

According to the data it is show that elderly with mild anxiety most of them are having stage 1 hypertension and the blood pressure is counted 140/90 mmHg. It can be conclude that anxiety could affect elderly with hypertension. Statistical analysis spearman correlation show significancy p value 0.000 ($p < \alpha 0.05$) means that H_0 is rejected and H_1 accepted and it can be conclude that there is a significant correlation between anxiety level and incidence hypertension in elderly. Coefficient correlation show value of 0.920 means that correlation between anxiety level and incidence of hypertension is strong.

Previous study conducted by Octavianus (2018) titled "Correlation of Hypertension and Level Anxiety in Elderly in Eldery Health Center in Bajarejo Ngantang, Malang" show that level of anxiety can affect the hypertension. Level of anxiety is not only affected by hypertension but also the other factors as well. In this study the elderly with stage 2 hypertension are having moderate anxiety.

The anxiety experienced by the elderly could be minimize by looking for activities outside such as filling free time by working or doing activities they like. So as to reduce the level of hypertension the elderly are asked to fulfil their time by working or do their favourite activity. It will reduce the anxiety. And forget what happen to them.



Hypertension in elderly is also minimize by doing some physycal exercise. It will help the elderly to lowering thier blood pressure. The other way to lowering blood pressure is by doing relaxation. Relaxation will help the elderly to not thinking over their condition.

CONCLUTION AND RECOMMENDATION

Most of eldely in Gappurana are having mild anxiety and stage 1 hypertension. The statistical analysis show that corraltion between level anxiety and hypertension. So it is recommended that the elderly should lowering the anxiety they experienced by having conversation with family and good friend.

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