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ABSTRACT

A cross sectional study was conducted by a self-administered questionnaire. The study aimed to examine the safe sex intention among high school students, as well as the socio demographic factors, psychosocial factors, subjective norms toward HIV/AIDS prevention and external factors, and the association between safe sex intention and socio demographic factors, psychosocial factors, subjective norms toward HIV/AIDS prevention and external factors. A total of 306 students responded but only 281 had fully completed the questionnaires. The data was collected at three schools in Manado, North Sulawesi Province, Indonesia. Chi square and descriptive analyses were used for the statistical analysis of the variables.

The results showed that 60.14% of the students had a good level of safe sex intention and 53.74% of students had a high degree of knowledge concerning HIV/AIDS. However some students still had insufficient knowledge of prevention and risk factors regarding HIV/AIDS. 58.01% of student had a good attitude toward HIV/AIDS prevention, there was not any students who had poor level of attitude towards HIV/AIDS prevention. 33.10% of students had good level of subjective norms toward HIV/AIDS, 63.35% had a poor level of communication about sexual problem with parents. Gender, subjective norms toward HIV/AIDS prevention, knowledge on HIV/AIDS and attitudes toward HIV/AIDS prevention were found significant association with safe sex intention.

After considering this studies findings, may be necessary to provide appropriate sex education and HIV/AIDS prevention in schools. Parents, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education should collaborate to create a good communication with children, and also to create programs that promote a good attitude among students.

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