MOBILIZATION OF THE COMMUNITY IN SUPPORT OF HEALTH AWARENESS FOR ORANG ASLI IN KELANTAN

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INTRODUCTION

- Understanding disease prevention and treatment among indigenous people is something complex and multidimensional due to differences in socio-economic status, geographical factors, culture, beliefs, experiences, and way of life.
- This study was conducted to gain an understanding of health care behaviours among the Orang Asli community in Kelantan.

METHOD

- This qualitative ethnography study was conducted using snowball sampling technique.
- A total of 26 respondents were interviewed based on the content of the semi-structured interview guide.
- The thematic analysis shows that most of the Orang Asli population of Kuala Koh practice low levels of health care.

FINDING

- The results show that the importance of individual, socio-economic, cultural, geographical, as well as experience factors in obtaining health services affect health care behaviour among the Kuala Koh Orang Asli community.
- Understanding the needs and provision of health services that are sensitive to the culture of the Orang Asli community is important to encourage them to be involved in empowering a better health care culture.

DISCUSSION

- The government should provide a guideline related to the method of providing treatment to the Orang Asli community by understanding their cultural diversity and beliefs so that the health workers involved can provide services effectively through training that can be provided based on modules will be formed.

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