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Peer Influences and it's Association with the Risk of Eating Disorder among Adolescents

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Outline



Background



 The problem of malnutrition and overnutrition among adolescents in the world has increased from year to year, including Indonesia • An increasing body of research indicates that the prevalence of eating disorders (EDs) is consistently rising in the modern world All types of EDs occur primarily among young females than males, associated with this developmental stage, such as physical changes, increased desire for peer acceptance and social comparison

Hoek, <u>2006</u> & Steinberg, <u>2001</u>



WHO (2013) & Study



O'dea, <u>2007;</u> Smink, van Hoeken, & Hoek, <u>2012</u>

The aim of the study

to determine the association of peer influences with eating disorder among adolescents girl

Methods & Materials

Cross sectional design was used in this study

Utilized simple random sampling technique according to recruit senior high school student in the Padang city.

Data were collected through self administered, online questionnaires which were given to 250 participants.

Univariate and Bivariate analysis using SPSS Program, Bivariate analysis was test by Chi-square

Results & Discussions (1)

The study found that 24.4% of adolescents have a risk of eating disorders.

Percentage of Eating Disorder among Adolescent Girls



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Characteristics Respondent	f	%	
Age (years)			
15	108	43,2	
16	114	45,6	
17	28	11,2	
Father's education			
Not graduated elementary school	18	7,2	
Graduated junior & senior high school	131	52,4	
Graduated diploma or universities	101	40,4	
Father's working			
Farmers	82	32,8	
Traders	81	32,4	
Government employees	87	34,8	

Results & Discussions (2)

- Peer influences associated with Eating Disorders or ED (p value < 0.05).</p>
- Adolescents with peer influences had risk 2.519 times being eating disorder compare with no peer influences.
- Mass media focus on internet access and body image had no association with eating disorders among adolescents girl.

Variables	Risk Of ED (%)	Not Risk of ED (%)	P-value (PR)
Body image			
Negative	27.1	72.9	0.424
Positive	22.0	78.0	0.757 (0.424-1.349)
Mass Media (Internet)			
Always	28.3	71.7	0.314
Rare	21.9	78.1	1.410 (0.787-2.527)
Peer influences			
Yes	35.1	64.9	0.003*)
No	17.6	82.4	2.519 (1.398-4.538)

*) Significant by chi-square test, p-value < 0.05

Results & Discussions (2)

- Peer attitudes toward weight concerns have been correlated with high rates of disordered eating behavior (Oliver & Thelen, 1996)
- Also, peers influence the development of disordered eating through modeling, discussing weight and eating issues
- Adolescent girls' frequency of discussion with peers concerning dieting correlates significantly with their reported disordered eating behavior (Eisenberg et al.; Gerner & Wilson, 2005; Schutz & Paxton, 2007)

Conclusion

► The current findings found that peer influences have association with eating disorder among adolescent girls, so we suggest that health care professional should corporate with school institution on health education to prevent eating disorders among adolescents.

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