EFFECT OF ACCREDITATION ON OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY BEHAVIOR AMONG WORKERS IN A PRIVATE HOSPITAL, SEMARANG, CENTRAL JAVA

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ABSTRACT

Background: Hospital is a health care industry with a variety of complex labor problems and various risks of occupational disease and accident. Accreditation is a way to protect patients, visitors, caregivers from accidents and occupational diseases. This study aimed to analyze the effect of accreditation on occupational health and safety behavior among workers in a private hospital, Semarang, Central Java.

Subjects and Method: This was a case study conducted at a private hospital, Semarang, Central Java. A total of 8 people were selected for this study as main informants and 3 people as triangulation informants (team leader of occupational health and safety, head of hospital accreditation, and the head of hospital facilities and infrastructure maintenance). The data were collected by in-depth interviews, direct observation, and document review. The data were analyzed using the stages of data reduction, data display, content analysis, and decision-making.

Results: After the accreditation, the hospital had only minimally implemented policies and regulations of occupational safety and health. Some of employees did not use personal protective equipment while working at a hazardous place. Some occupational safety and health facilities were poorly maintained. Equipment that requires large funds was gradually completed.

Conclusion: Occupational health and safety has not been well implemented after hospital accreditation. The hospital management has yet to apply reward and sanction related to occupational safety and health for employees.

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