ABSTRACT

Back ground: Reducing preoperative anxiety in children is not easy. Children who feel anxious anxiety response will show both physical and psychological. One of the causes of anxiety responses in children is a way of communication that nurses are still considered unfavorable for pediatric patients preoperatively. Implementation of therapeutic communication properly and in accordance with the phases in the expected therapeutic communication can reduce children's anxiety response.

Objective: This study aimed at identifying therapeutic nurse communication relationships with children's preoperative anxiety responses in Eka BSD hospital. Methods: This research uses analytic deskriptik research design, using a cross-sectional approach. The sample in this study sampling is non-random sampling (non-probability sampling) that is by purposive sampling.

Results: Of the 60 respondents on average berisua dapti 10-12 years and there were 33 (55%) of respondents did not show any response to anxiety in nurses. The results of the statistical test using the chi square in get p = 0.041 it is stated that there is a relationship between therapeutic nurse communication with the child preoperative anxiety responses in the hospital EKA BSD.

Conclusion: It is on the advise at every nurse to perform the appropriate therapeutic communication with the stage, the child undertake preoperative nursing care and also need to pay attention to the things that can cause a response when the child's preoperative anxiety and provide clear information on children and their families.

Key words: therapeutic communication, response to anxiety, child.